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# Major makes TV appeal for peace

## There is nothing you need fear, Ulster is told

By Philip Webster, Political Editor

JOHN MAJOR tried to keep alive the Ulster peace process last night with a television address in which he assured the people of Northern Ireland that fears of a sell-out to Dublin were groundless.

He asked for time and trust, declaring that the prize of lasting peace must not be thrown away "by fears that are unreal and accusations that are untrue".

His national broadcast, only the third of his premiership, came as a mood of crisis engulfed the Government over yesterday's disclosures in *The Times* of proposals drawn up by the British and Irish Governments for constitutional settlement in the Province.

In a direct plea to the people he called on them to judge the Government's proposals as a whole. "The horrors of Enniskillen and Greysteel are behind you. After five months of peace, surely it is time to look ahead. Judge our proposals as a whole. There is nothing you need fear," he said.

Mr Major confirmed the *Times* disclosure that cross-border co-operation between Northern Ireland and the Republic was being considered. But he said that any new North-South bodies must be accountable to the people of Northern Ireland. "They will not be run by London and they cannot and will not be overridden by the British and Irish Governments."

The five-minute broadcast underlined the seriousness with which Mr Major regarded yesterday's developments. He has used his right to deliver similar non-partisan broadcasts at the time of the Gulf War and after the signing of the Downing Street declaration. Tony Blair will deliver a similar broadcast tonight.

Mr Major spoke after politicians in Dublin, Sir Patrick Mayhew, the Northern Ireland secretary, and other ministers had spent the day desperately striving to lessen the impact of revelations that the Government said had damaged the peace efforts. Ulster Unionists, angered by the disclosure of plans for a joint North-South authority with executive powers, threatened to withdraw backing from the Government, and if necessary provoke a general election, if plans similar to those in the leaked version were proposed.

David Trimble, MP for Upper Bann, declared: "If they come forward with a document which contains proposals hostile to the Union we will not be able either to enter into talks on the basis of that document or continue any sort of relationship with the Government." After the support it had received from James Molyneaux, his party leader, it was a "darn shabby trick" for the Government to turn round and stab him in the back, he said.

But in his broadcast the Prime Minister said that people were wrong in every respect to fear the document would be a blueprint to impose unity in all Ireland and a betrayal of promises. "Let me say to you tonight; nothing is going to be imposed on Northern Ireland. New arrangements will only work if they are agreed by the people of Northern Ireland, supported by them and operated by them."

Mr Major said: "Northern Ireland has come a very long way since the Downing Street declaration. It must not drift backwards. I wish to see this process succeed, arms decommissioned, talks going ahead, every honourable avenue to settlement explored, then the outcome put to the people. For it is up to the people of Northern Ireland to decide whether fear can give way to hope."

John Bruton, the Irish Prime Minister, said in Dublin that the leak could damage the peace process. There was no evidence that it originated from the Irish side. Dick Spring, his deputy, condemned the "totally selective and tendentious" use of excerpts from the draft paper and said: "Full allowance must be made for the blatant political agenda behind it."

In the Commons there were several fierce attacks on *The Times* for publishing the leak. To cheers Andrew Hunter, chairman of the backbench Northern Ireland committee, accused the newspaper of "scandalous irresponsibility".

Sir Patrick had earlier told a sombre Commons that he accepted "the damage to confidence that has been done and doubtless was intended to be done". But he flatly denied the interpretation in the *Times* report that the two Governments had formulated plans that brought the prospect of a united Ireland closer than it had been since partition.

He promised that the Government would not propose arrangements for joint authority over Northern Ireland, nor any North-South body that was autonomous. He confirmed, however, that the creation of cross-border bodies accountable to a Northern Ireland elected assembly was being considered.

Sir Patrick said he recognised in the *Times* report "a few phrases lifted highly selectively from a lengthy negotiating text employed in the discussions with the Irish Government but upon which the Governments have not agreed." He would not be drawn into premature publication of the document "in reaction to distorting leaks calculated to destabilise and destroy this immensely sensitive process".

Sir Patrick also reassured the Unionists that the Government would reject proposals that left in place Dublin's territorial claim to Northern Ireland.

He denied that the document would be a blueprint: it would be offered to the parties and they could accept it, reject it, amend it or adapt it. Any agreement by the parties must be put to the people in a referendum, and the consent

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MICHAEL POWELL

Mr Major on his way to the Commons. "After five months of peace, surely it is time to look ahead. Judge our proposals as a whole," he said on television last night

## Loneliness of Unionists exposed

COMMONS SKETCH BY MATTHEW PARRIS

FOR an Ulster Unionist the Commons Chamber must yesterday have seemed a lonely place. Never in your sketchwriter's recollection has the impatience of the House of Commons with Unionist suspicions been more palpably demonstrated, or the Unionist parties' isolation clearer.

If at the end of his statement to MPs the Northern Ireland Secretary, Sir Patrick Mayhew, had arranged for a motion of confidence in his plans to be put to a free vote of the whole House then, on yesterday's showing, more than 600 of the 650 MPs would have voted for it. He and the Prime Minister arrived looking grim and anxious, yet they may live not to regret this seeming setback.

Sir Patrick spoke more quietly than we had ever heard. His was a lengthy statement, but really turned upon only two assertions. He dwelt repeatedly on these.

The first was that the phrases from a draft document leaked to *The Times* had no real status, because no text had yet been agreed. Few challenged this, but it was his second assertion which so united MPs: what Sir Patrick called the "triple lock" guarantee.

Whatever text emerged, he said, could not survive without the assent of "parties, people and Parliament"; and so there would have to be a referendum in Northern Ireland. Backbenchers liked the phrase "triple lock", began to repeat it, and noted it for constituency speeches.

But it was not in his statement itself, though it was warmly received, but in the dogs that did and the dogs that did not bark afterwards, that his command of the House became clear.

It was one of those occasions when the time-honoured "but" after "naturally I wish the minister well" just never came. Had the Unionists hoped that Labour might be tempted, the Opposition's spokesman, Mo Mowlam, ended such hopes. Ms Mowlam was brief, clear and unhesitant in her support for the Government's strategy. We waited for the "but". There was none. MPs knew Labour took a bipartisan view, but in the terms in which she expressed it, Mowlam went the extra mile.

For the nationalist parties — a "but" of a group if ever there was one — the SNP's Margaret Ewing sounded lost without a reservation to express. And it must have gone right against the instincts of Alan Beith not to express both views then come down, for the Liberal Democrats, somewhere between them: but he was wholeheartedly for Mayhew. The SDLP, who often like to demonstrate that they are nobody's poodles, wagged their tails for Sir Patrick.

What of the Tories? One would have expected Nicholas Scott, once a Northern Ireland minister, to support Mayhew, but the warmth of the cheer which greeted him was unusual. One looked to the usual suspects at the more orange end of the blue

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## Red alerts on rivers as three die in floods

By Richard Duce

TORRENTIAL rain brought death and destruction to parts of England yesterday as statistics confirmed last month to be the wettest January for almost 50 years.

In Pool, West Yorkshire, Clifford Greenwood, 67, was found dead at his home after trying to wade through the floods. He had earlier declined a police request to leave.

Near Hartley Wintney, Hampshire, Janet Hartley, 51, and her mother, Marjorie King, 78, were killed in a head-on collision with another car on a very wet stretch of road. Mrs Hartley's daughter Josephine, 23, had her legs broken.

Last night 12 rivers were on red flood alert throughout England. More than 300 properties were flooded, but the London Weather Centre said the worst was over.

In Boroughbridge, North Yorkshire, 20 soldiers from 9 Regiment Air Corps helped to rescue people from flooded homes as the Ure threatened to burst its banks. Nearby Dunsforth was cut off.

Riverside homes in Elmore, Gloucestershire, were inundated when the biggest Severn tide of the year swept upriver. Villagers in Wargrave, Berkshire, insisting on their right to walk along the line when their gardens are flooded by the Thames, stopped trains for five hours because drivers said they were a safety risk.

The Thames Barrier was closed to prevent the tide swelling the river.

☐ The Dutch authorities extended their emergency zone to the north of the River Waal.

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Agutter: 12 years jail

## Nightshade poisoner

Paul Agutter, a biochemistry lecturer at Napier University in Edinburgh, was jailed for 12 years for attempting to murder his wife by poisoning her gin and tonic. He was also found guilty by a majority verdict at the High Court in Edinburgh of endangering the lives of seven other people by adding atropine, a derivative of deadly nightshade, to supermarket tonic water.

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## Dorrell fails screen test

Stephen Dorrell, the Heritage Secretary, was asked yesterday at a parliamentary select committee on the state of the film industry, what was the last film he saw? "I simply don't remember," he replied.

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## Veal protester killed as she leaps at lorry

By Michael Hornsby, Agriculture Correspondent

AN ANIMAL rights protester was killed yesterday when she fell under the the wheels of a lorry delivering calves to Coventry airport for export to the Continent.

The woman, who has not been named but came from the Coventry area, was injured when she slipped into the path of the slow-moving lorry after leaping at the cab, police said. She died in hospital. Three other people had also attempted to climb on the lorry but were unhurt.

A line of 100 police officers was guarding the entrance to the airport, but witnesses said the woman, mother of a son aged nine, was among demonstrators who evaded their police escort and ran in front of the lorry about a quarter-of-a-mile up the road.

Gill Gates, a friend of the victim and fellow protester, fought back tears last night as she described the incident. "My friend was just behind me. I turned around for a second and my friend was on the ground. I don't know if she slipped, fell or was knocked over by the truck. Police yelled for the lorry driver to stop and it did but with the wheels right on her body.

"We had managed to get past a police line that was trying to keep us back and we were across the road trying to stop the lorry. It was crawling forward and somehow, suddenly, she was under the wheels. This has made us even more determined to stop veal flights."

Warwickshire police said the incident had occurred at about 4.45 pm after 34 demonstrators had gathered in the road leading to the airport in the path of a lorry carrying about 100 calves.

The calves were to have been exported to Amsterdam on a cargo plane chartered by Phoenix Aviation, which specialises in animal transport. The company had leased the Boeing 737 which crashed on its approach to Coventry airport on December 21, narrowly missing a housing estate and killing the three crew and two animal handlers on board. The company resumed the flights on Tuesday after a High Court judge had refused a request by Coventry City Council, the airport's owners, permission to ban them.

John Bradshaw, for the company, said: "This is a great shock. The incident appears to have happened when protesters ran into the path of the lorry. It is uncertain at this stage whether the four flights scheduled for tomorrow will take off now."

Philip Lymbery, of Compassion in World Farming, one of the main groups campaigning against the calf trade, said: "We are deeply saddened and shocked by this death. We appeal to protesters not to risk their lives in this way."

## Ernie joins the quest for riches

By Robert Miller

ERNIE may not enjoy the national television exposure given to the National Lottery but he can still make people very rich.

Yesterday the Electronic Random Number Indicator Equipment created its first Scottish millionaire. A resident of Edinburgh, who bought the winning bond in June 1992, became the eleventh million-pound winner since the Government's savings arm increased the top prize last April. Prize money this month will top £20 million for the first time.

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# Furious Prime Minister summoned MPs to midnight meeting

■ John Major called to his office colleagues most directly concerned with Ireland. There were, he told them, "black works afoot". Arthur Leathley reports

JOHN MAJOR ordered a hurriedly arranged midnight meeting of Tory MPs to defuse the potentially explosive reaction to the leaked details of the Northern Ireland framework document. Within minutes of the *Times's* report arriving at Westminster late on Tuesday night, dozens of MPs were summoned urgently to the Prime Minister's Westminster office. Jeremy Hanley, the Conservative Party Chairman, and other senior Tories swept through the Commons chamber and corridors to tell backbenchers with a particular interest in Northern Ireland issues that Mr Major wanted to see them. The importance of the meeting was not lost on the backbenchers.

"This sort of call was just unprecedented. We knew there must be serious trouble," said one. The Prime Minister was reported by one Tory colleague to be "extremely angry" on first seeing the reports. By the time that more than 60 MPs had crowded into his room behind the Speaker's chair, his mood had mellowed to one of "frustration and determination". During a 30-minute question-and-answer session, he spoke graphically of the achievements already secured during the peace process, telling the packed room that, by this time last year, 20 people had already died at the hands of terrorists. This year, he emphasised, nobody had been killed.

Underlining his commitment to securing lasting peace, the Prime Minister issued a stark warning that those opposing the process were engaged in "black works at the crossroads of peace".

Likening the draft document obtained by *The Times* to the first chapter of an Agatha Christie thriller, he insisted that there was much more detail which needed to be understood.

Although clearly irritated by the timing of the revelations, Mr Major was said to be "calm and very clear" in setting out his objectives.

Mr Major, joined by Sir Patrick Mayhew, the Northern Ireland Secretary, and Sir John Wheeler, the Northern Ireland minister, told MPs that he would not allow the peace process to be derailed. As MPs pored nervously over copies of the *Times* story, Mr Major was given crucial support by Viscount Cranborne, leader of the Lords and a vehement supporter of the unionist cause. The peer, who resigned from Margaret Thatcher's Government over the 1985 Anglo-Irish agreement, pledged his full backing for the Prime Minister. It was an important intervention, helping to ease the tensions which had built up as MPs recognised the danger of a possible collapse of the peace process.

As the MPs filed away from the Prime Minister's room, some were only partially reassured. "He did exactly the right thing and calmed our nerves. But it is the Ulster Unionists who need assurance more than us," said one Tory.

Government attacks 'leaks calculated to destabilise sensitive process'

# Mayhew insists unification of Ireland no closer

BY OUR POLITICAL STAFF

SIR Patrick Mayhew, the Northern Ireland Secretary, yesterday told the Commons that the British and Irish governments had no plans drawn up that brought the prospect of a united Ireland closer than it had ever been since partition.

He rejected reports that the Government would propose arrangements for joint authority over the running of the affairs of Northern Ireland. He attacked reports that proposals had been drawn up that could pave the way to a united Ireland as "distorting leaks calculated to destabilise and destroy" the sensitive peace process.

And he insisted that consent was the key to reaching an agreement on a framework document aimed at forming the basis for talks between the main constitutional parties.

Sir Patrick said agreement had not yet been reached with the Irish Government on the framework document. "But consent will be the key. And the Prime Minister has made it clear that, because consent would be absent, we could not, for example, propose arrangements providing for joint authority over Northern Ireland — that is to say the British and Irish governments jointly running the affairs of Northern Ireland over the heads of its people. Nor, for the same reason, could we agree to propose any North/South body that was autonomous."

He said a body that was accountable to a Northern Ireland elected assembly was a different matter. "Such a body, empowered in that way and accountable to the assembly, making common cause North and South in areas of common interest and mutual benefit, might well get consent."

Sir Patrick reassured the Unionists that the Government would also reject proposals that left the Irish territorial claim to Northern Ireland in place. He emphasised: "These are matters of the greatest sensitivity and difficulty, even danger, in an area where fears and suspicions very understandably abound on all sides. An enormous amount potentially turns on them."

Commenting on the lead story in *The Times* yesterday, he said: "I recognise a few phrases lifted highly selectively from a lengthy negotiating text employed in the discussions with the Irish Government but upon which the governments have not agreed.

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I do not, however, recognise the conclusions that the author draws from them.

"For example, the story leads with the assertion that the British and Irish governments have drawn up a document that brings the prospect of a united Ireland closer than it has been at any time since partition in 1920. That is simply not true.

"What is true is that the future of Northern Ireland is declared by both governments in the Downing Street Declaration, to lie in the hand of the people who live there. That is where it rests and will stay."

To Tory cheers, Sir Patrick said: "I must not be drawn into a premature publication of a document in these negotiations, which has not been agreed by the governments, in reaction to distorting leaks calculated to destabilise and destroy this immensely sensitive process. The process is too important for the people of Northern Ireland to be further damaged in that way.

"When, and only when, an entire package of proposals is published could parties, people and Parliament judge its true worth."

He said the framework document, if it could be agreed, would be offered "not as some blueprint to be imposed" but for the political parties to examine. "They could accept it, they could reject it, they could amend it."

Any agreement reached by the parties must be put to the people in a referendum for them to show if they agreed or not. "That is the triple lock — parties, people, Parliament — the triple lock against imposition upon the people of Northern Ireland that the Prime Minister has so often spoken about."

Later, in response to MPs' questions, Sir Patrick said: "There must be no derailment of the peace process. This offers to the people of Northern Ireland the best prospect of a permanent ending of violence, of the instability that has plagued them for generations, and it has got to be preserved. And it has got to be preserved on the basis of all proper principles being observed, and I am aware of no party in this House or elsewhere that wishes to see that process derailed."

"Selective leaking of documents in that process is doubtless calculated to secure its derailment and it is incumbent on each and every one of us to see that that strategem does not succeed."

Sir Patrick emphasised that consent was "the very foundation of everything we are seeking to achieve, and any other foundation would be a foundation of sand". He urged MPs to wait until a final version of the document was agreed: "Then you will be able to see its true balance and intention."

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KEVIN LEMAROUE



Sir Patrick: "I recognise a few phrases lifted highly selectively"

# Parties join forces to support peace process

BY ALICE THOMPSON AND JAMES LANDALE

PARTY politics were put aside yesterday as MPs from all sides of the House pledged support for the Government's strategy for peace in Northern Ireland, with the only dissenting voices coming from the Unionist benches.

In the exchanges that followed Sir Patrick Mahew's statement to the House yesterday, Marjorie Mowlam, the Shadow Northern Ireland Secretary, said Labour had supported the Government's efforts throughout the peace process, "a process which might at times seem fragile, but which still offers the best hope for a generation for the people of Northern Ireland".

She added: "Any help we can give to continue that process honourably and sensibly, we will. There is always a risk when there is selective leaking of any document that the impression given by the way it is leaked is sometimes far worse than the actual contents. I would therefore urge all parties to wait and to study what is actually being proposed, rather than selective interpretations of it."

Ms Mowlam told Sir Patrick: "For this process to carry on succeeding, we all need to be open and honest in our dealings, and make sure the language you use and the commitments you make are the same to all parties. The goodwill on all sides must also be matched by good faith."

She added: "You must redouble your efforts with Dublin to produce a framework document as soon as possible in a way that will guarantee that no party nor any Member on your own backbenches will be allowed a veto on what is to be discussed.

"Any framework must respond fairly to both traditions in Northern Ireland and the consent of the majority must be the guarantee of a balanced constitutional settlement."

James Molyneaux, the Ulster Unionist leader, said he had been told on December 1 that a framework document

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did not exist, yet the *Times* report was, according to the Northern Ireland Office, based on a document dated November 25.

He asked: "Why were the Ulster political representatives denied the opportunity to at least inject some degree of common sense and realism into the thinking of an obscure liaison group consisting of British and Irish civil servants who are not terribly interested in the fate of political parties or governments? The disclosures have made irrelevant the post-publication consultations which we were promised, and have thereby wrecked the framework concept."

He called for discussions with representatives of the four main constitutional parties on how best to, "clear away the debris, and then start building on structures based on democratic principles".

The Rev Ian Paisley, the Democratic Unionist leader, said the contents of the leaked document had not been challenged, just the interpretation of them.

He told Sir Patrick: "This document is an insult to the majority of people of Northern Ireland. You cannot expect any self-respecting Unionist to sit down at a table if that is going to be on the agenda. That is the price you are paying to get a deal with Gerry Adams and the IRA and Dublin."

The Rev William McCrea, DUP MP for Mid-Ulster, said: "Last week the prime minister of the Irish Republic met a representative of murderers, Gerry Adams, and we were told that they discussed matters relating to the framework document and that other matters had been told to the SDLP.

"Unionists once again have to await the final issuing of the document before getting any knowledge of its contents. It reeks of the Anglo-Irish Agreement."

Alan Beith, for the Liberal Democrats, said: "Selective leaks are usually designed to induce some kind of reaction ... Despite its precarious parliamentary arithmetic, this Government has the support of a very substantial majority of MPs on this."



Mowlam: "We will give all help we can"

# 'You have nothing to fear'

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of Parliament would be required. "That is the triple lock — parties, people, Parliament — the triple lock against imposition upon the people of Northern Ireland that the Prime Minister has so often spoken about."

Mr Major's assurances last night seemed unlikely to satisfy Unionist politicians but he clearly hoped to appeal over their heads to the people. The Unionists are vital to the Government in its precarious parliamentary state: without their help it lost the Commons vote on VAT on domestic fuel.

Ministers doubt whether the Unionists would want to bring down the Government and possibly allow in a Labour administration that would be less sympathetic to their position. But Mr Molyneaux has clearly been placed in a difficult position, with some of his more hawkish colleagues such as Mr Trimble prepared to consider forcing an election.

The Unionist leader said a series of leaks had effectively undermined the original intention of publishing the document for consultation.

The Rev Ian Paisley, leader of the Democratic Unionists, said: "This document is an insult to the majority of people of Northern Ireland."

Nationalists were equally angry at what they saw as an attempt to wreck the peace process. Seamus Mallon, deputy leader of the mainly Catholic SDLP, said the leak was part of a "deadly game". He added: "What we are talking about is keeping people alive in Northern Ireland."

# Bruton vows to discover who leaked paper

BY NICHOLAS WATT

JOHN BRUTON, the Irish Prime Minister, said yesterday that the disclosures in *The Times* about the forthcoming Anglo-Irish framework document could damage "the entire process towards peace and reconciliation".

The Taoiseach made an early appearance in the Irish Parliament yesterday to stress that the report gave a misleading impression of the document. He was supported by opposition politicians who condemned the leak as unhelpful.

Dublin's anger at the report was underlined last night when Dick Spring, the Deputy Prime Minister, issued a strongly worded statement, accusing *The Times* of making "a selective and tendentious use of excerpts from work in progress between the British and Irish Governments".

Mr Bruton said the report should be treated with scepticism because it was designed to "upset one particular side". He added: "It is an attempt at news management for a purpose that is difficult to define or divine."

The Taoiseach said the report was based on selected leaks, which were damaging. He told the Dail: "Given that it is intended to be a balanced framework document, any selective leaking of certain pieces of that document is inherently wrong and misleading. Other phrases that might balance the ones that are released are not released, and therefore the impression that is created is an unbalanced one."

Mr Bruton added that the document aimed to achieve agreement among all parties. He said: "It is not our intention to impose in any way without ample opportunities for agreement being reached between the parties concerned ... Ultimately there is provision for the people to have their own say in a referendum on the matter."

Mr Bruton told deputies that he had no evidence that the leak had come from an Irish source. But he pledged to do everything to trace the source of the leak "wherever it may be".

The Taoiseach's comments were followed by Mr Spring's statement. The Deputy Prime Minister, who has been co-ordinating Dublin's negotiations with Britain over the framework document, said there was a "blatant political agenda" behind the report in *The Times*, which was designed to alarm Unionists.

He added: "It is very disquieting that the confidentiality agreed between the governments has been breached. I am convinced that the leak could not have come from any Irish source and we will be in consultation with the British Government to seek to established how it occurred."

Mr Spring emphasised that the framework document was not a blueprint to be imposed on Northern Ireland, but was designed as an aid to negotiation. He said: "The document is not about joint authority and had the article not ignored important features that would have been clear. For example the document contains clear and express commitments about the democratic accountability of a North-South body to new institutions in Northern Ireland."

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Mr Spring pledged that the two Governments would not be deflected from their work. "I appeal to all sides to reserve judgment until the completed document is published and not to react to an article which is clearly inspired by partisan motive."

There was bipartisan support in Dublin for the Government's criticisms of the report. Ray Burke, Fianna Fail's foreign affairs spokesman, said that the report had raised unnecessary fears. Mr Burke, who met Unionists in Belfast last Monday, said that selective leaks were unhelpful.

# Loneliness exposed

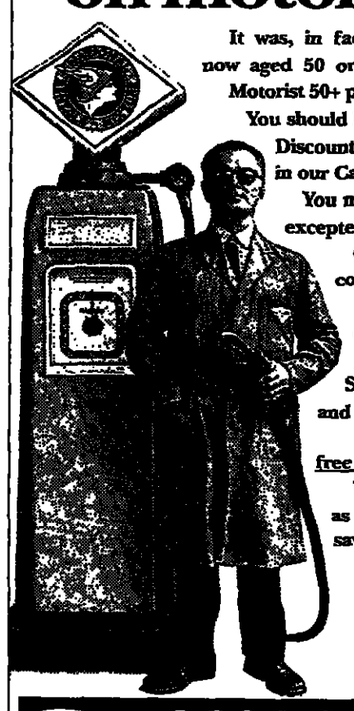
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spectrum for some rumble of rebellion, but there was none. Some notable dogs remained confined to kennels.

Curious. For this sketch-writer, though, there was something stranger still. From the Unionist stables, Ian Paisley brayed, the Rev William McCrea whinnied, Jim Molyneaux fretted, John D. Taylor kicked and David Trimble snorted, but at the fence presented by Mayhew's "triple lock" guarantee, every one of them shied.

None seemed comforted by the promise of a test of opinion. Were a British Government ever to appeal over the Unionists' heads to a wider public here or in Ulster, the decision might be traced to yesterday's demonstration of the Commons mood.

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## Leadership challenge likely as anger grows within UUP over handling of negotiations

# Molyneaux under fire for 'inner-track' approach

By Nicholas Watt
*Ireland Correspondent*

JAMES MOLYNEAUX faces a challenge to his leadership of the Ulster Unionists as anger grows within the party over his handling of recent political developments in Northern Ireland.

Leading Unionists, who

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condemned the leaked proposals for Northern Ireland as a betrayal, lined up for a succession of radio and television interviews yesterday that left few commentators in doubt that they were jostling for the succession to Mr Molyneaux.

Some party members fear that their leader's much vaunted "inner track" approach, which involves briefings from John Major, has failed to prevent the unacceptable proposal of a power sharing North-South executive body being drawn up to decide the future of the Province. Mr Molyneaux, 74, who has led the UUP since 1979, is regarded as the elder statesman of Unionism. His quiet and unassuming manner contrasts with Ian Paisley's thunderous tones.

Critics point to Mr Molyneaux's reassurances in the run-up to the Anglo-Irish Agreement of 1985, which turned out to be the most far-



*Contenders: David Trimble, one of the party's most effective MPs, and John Taylor, political veteran*

reaching Anglo-Irish initiative since the partition of Ireland in 1920. Mr Molyneaux was forced into an uncomfortable alliance with Mr Paisley to protest against the agreement.

Their alliance petered out during the Brooke/Mayhew inter-party talks of 1990-92. Since then Mr Paisley, the leader of the Democratic Unionists, has made capital out of the Government's plans for Northern Ireland, which he has consistently condemned as the slippery slope to a united Ireland. Members of the UUP have expressed concern that Mr Paisley's warnings of a sell-out have out-foxed their party.

Mr Molyneaux yesterday laid the blame for the proposals in the draft framework document at the feet of British and Irish officials who have "strung along" the Government. However, critics in his party will ask why Mr Molyneaux did not fight off the proposals at an earlier date.

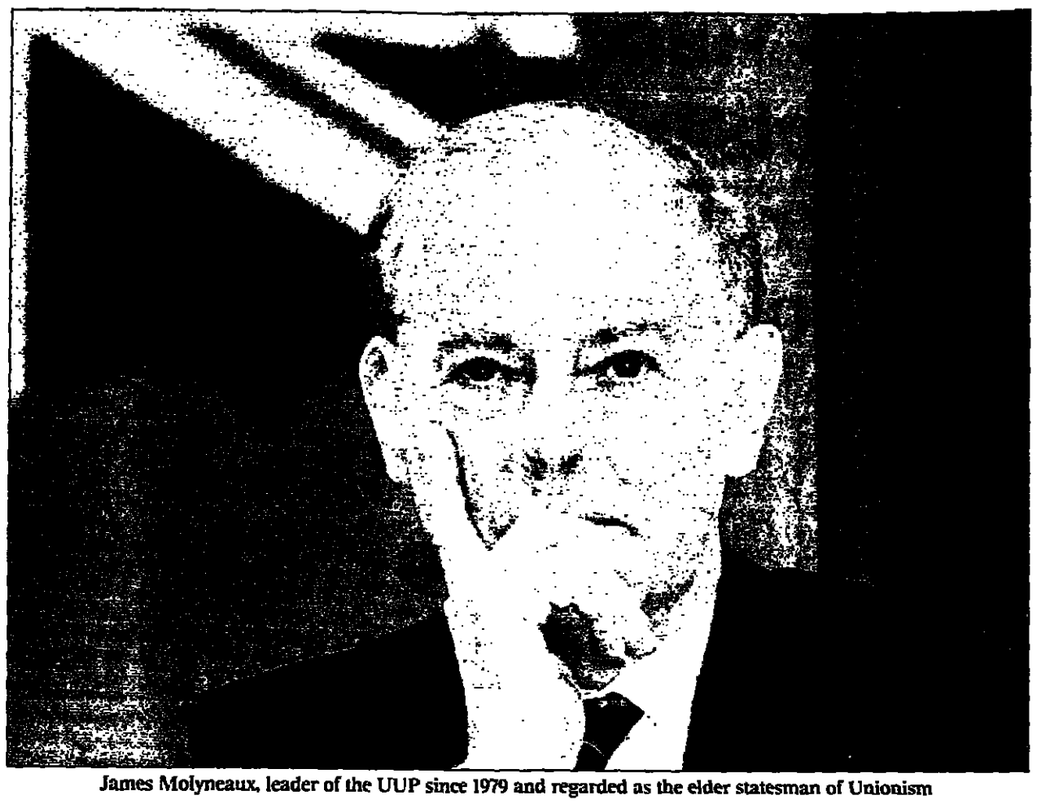
There are four front-runners to succeed Mr Molyneaux if he relinquishes the leadership of the UPP. They are: David Trimble, MP for Upper Bann, John Taylor, MP for Strangford — who have both led the party's campaign against the framework document in recent weeks — Willie Ross, MP for Londonderry East, and Ken Maginnis, MP for Fermanagh and South Tyrone.

Mr Trimble, 50, the UUP's legal affairs spokesman, is one of his party's most effective and articulate MPs. In a series of radio and television interviews yesterday he was at the forefront of his party's condemnation of the proposals for Northern Ireland disclosed in *The Times*.

He said: "John Major knows that we reject all-Ireland institutions with significant government powers and a default mechanism that allows the Irish Government to dictate to a Northern Ireland assembly. We would regard these as a breach of Mr Major's undertaking. If he does so he can no longer expect our support."

Mr Trimble, a former law lecturer at Queen's University, Belfast, has harried the Government on a range of issues since he won his seat in a 1990 by-election. He started his political career as a member of the Convention for the Vanguard Unionist Progressive Party. When the party abandoned its political role in 1978 Mr Trimble joined the UUP.

Mr Taylor, 57, his party's European MEP from 1979 to 1989, is implacably opposed to the Government's plans for



*James Molyneaux, leader of the UUP since 1979 and regarded as the elder statesman of Unionism*

Northern Ireland. He warned yesterday that his party might withdraw its support for the Government.

The MP is one of Northern Ireland's political veterans. He was parliamentary secretary at home Affairs in 1969-70 before direct rule was imposed. In 1972 the Official IRA tried to assassinate Mr Taylor when gunmen opened fire on him in Armagh City. Despite his trenchant criticisms of the Government yesterday Mr Taylor can be one of his party's more conciliatory members. He was the first member of his party to say after the IRA ceasefire that the violence could be over, and he is thought to be one of the few Ulster Unionists who could envisage sitting down with Sinn Fein.

Mr Ross, 58, the UUP's Chief Whip and an MP since 1974, is quietly spoken and has been compared to Mr Molyneaux, who holds him in high regard. He was sceptical about the 1993 Downing Street Declaration, and wondered whether the Irish Government's was sincere in its commitment to the principle of accepting Unionist consent.

Mr Maginnis, the UUP's security spokesman, has been one of his party's most prominent MPs since the IRA ceasefire. Amid the excitement of the truce he has consistently warned that the IRA may end it if the leadership believes the truce is failing to win concessions. The MP, who debated with Gerry Adams on CNN last year, is seen as an outsider in the leadership stakes, because sections of the party regard him as too liberal.

# Ulstermen marked by mythology of betrayal

By Peter Riddell

THE Ulster Unionists have always had a single-minded approach to Westminster politics. Their tactics are determined first, last and always by what they believe will preserve the Unionist position in Northern Ireland. That was why they broke with the Conservative Party in 1972, and it has explained their attitude to minority governments since then, whether Labour in the late 1970s or the Tories now. That is both a reassurance and a warning for any Government. However vital the support of the Unionists may be in the short term to sustain a Commons majority, it is conditional and thus unstable in the long term.

The mythology of betrayal is deeply ingrained. There remains a deep suspicion of the motives of any British Government. The official Unionists, as distinct from Ian Paisley's Democratic Unionists, will back a government that supports their aims. Beyond that they do not seek to intervene in the ordinary party battles. The Unionists have usually backed the existing administration on confidence votes and big issues — as long as its policies on Northern Ireland do not threaten Unionist aims. On other controversial matters that concern only the mainland, the Unionists have often abstained. Yet when the tide moves against the Government of the day, as it did against Labour in March 1979, they shift and vote with the Opposition.

James Molyneaux, their shrewdest and longest-serving leader, has been the prime upholder of this approach. He believes it gives his party access and influence, and so it has. Hence the Unionists have propped up this Government on European issues when their instincts are anti-European. The support of the nine Unionist MPs for the Government has exactly compensated for the loss of the nine votes of the "whipless" Tory Euro-rebels. Yet the views of the two groups are close on Europe and the future of the Union. If they allied, the Government would really be in trouble.

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Two weeks ago, Mr Molyneaux and William Ross, the party's whip, urged their colleagues to vote with the Government on fisheries policy in view of their longer-term understandings with John Major reached in July 1993 at the height of the crisis over the Maastricht Bill. But other Unionist MPs, notably John Taylor and David Trimble, were alarmed about the rumoured contents of the framework document. After two meetings on the night of the vote, the party split: six backed the Government, which had a majority of only nine, and three abstained.

This divide reflected both rivalries within the Unionist party about the succession to Mr Molyneaux, now aged 74, and the continued need for the MPs to look over their shoulders at the challenge of the Democratic Unionists. Mr Paisley is there, as he has been for a generation, to argue that he is the one true voice to defend the interests of Ulster.

The influence of the Unionists is directly related to the party balance in the Commons. When the Tories had an overall majority of more than 140 in the mid 1980s, they could afford to ignore Unionist protests over the Anglo-Irish agreement of 1985, as Margaret Thatcher then did. The historic ties between the Tory party and the Unionists are decreasing: the number of Tory MPs with a close interest in Northern Ireland is small.

Most Tory MPs admire Mr Major's boldness and determination in launching the initiative and hope that he will succeed. They are not too concerned about the details provided there are some guarantees for the Unionists and the outcome is not seen as a victory for Gerry Adams and the IRA. Otherwise, it is largely a matter of parliamentary arithmetic.

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# 'Ill-timed story was harmful'

By Nicholas Watt

John Hume, leader of the Social Democratic and Labour Party (SDLP), said yesterday that speculation on the forthcoming Anglo-Irish framework document was "irresponsible". He called on everybody to "shut up", and accused *The Times* of using provocative language in its front page report. The MP for Foyle said he feared disclosures would unsettle the peace

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process. "At this sensitive time speculation is not only wrong, it is irresponsible. The time has come, because of the high sensitivity of our present situation, for everybody to shut up until we get to the table," he said.

Mr Hume added that Matthew d'Ancona, Assistant Editor of *The Times*, who wrote yesterday's report, had "very strong Unionist views". Mr d'Ancona said that he had written commentary articles from a Unionist perspective, but added that his report in yesterday's paper was written as a straight news story.

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Heritage Secretary admits he cannot remember name of last film he saw

# MPs voice doubts on Dorrell's zeal for arts

BY DALYA ALBERGE, ARTS CORRESPONDENT

THE National Heritage Secretary, who has been criticised for an apparent lack of interest in his brief, was posed with a difficult question as he was about to give evidence to a parliamentary select committee on the state of the British film industry.

What was the last film he saw? "I simply don't remember," Stephen Dorrell answered, with a calmness displayed only by politicians in such situations. He admitted he had pondered that very question in the bath that morning. But, no, he simply had been unable to come up with anything.

On taking his seat before the panel of nine MPs, Mr Dorrell found himself repeatedly asked to demonstrate his passion for, or at the very least, commitment to the arts. Sir John Gorst said that the British film industry needed a boost of confidence; words of encouragement from a minister devoted to their cause.

The Tory MP offered the chance "to lay to rest any doubts about your commitment and enthusiasm". Last November *The Times* discovered that Mr Dorrell had not paid a formal visit to any of the four great national companies, who between them receive some £50 million in public subsidy through his department.

Sir John added: "You should be the sort of politician who, rather than go into the division lobbies at 10pm, should say, 'I'm terribly sorry I'm at a first night, I'm at the business end of my job.'" Mr Dorrell has cited Oliver Cromwell as a hero, which prompted Gerald Kaufman, chairman of the committee, to comment that Cromwell "smashed works of art in an unparalleled way".

Sir John suggested that Mr Dorrell was "trying to wriggle away from giving leadership" and that people were uneasy about his attitude towards the film industry. "There is the feeling you are a gamekeeper from the Treasury who is remaining a gamekeeper — not turning poacher. Your answers suggest you are still a gamekeeper, not sufficiently orientated to be an impresario," he said.

Later he added: "You are the chairman of a series of quangos whereas you should be a conductor in front of the orchestra." Mr Dorrell (who lists aviation in *Who's Who* under recreations) answered: "I have never pretended to be a would-be conductor, my role is to create the circumstances where there can be more great conductors creating more great works of art." He said he wanted "to create the opportunities for exciting artistic creation" without presenting a bill to the taxpayer.

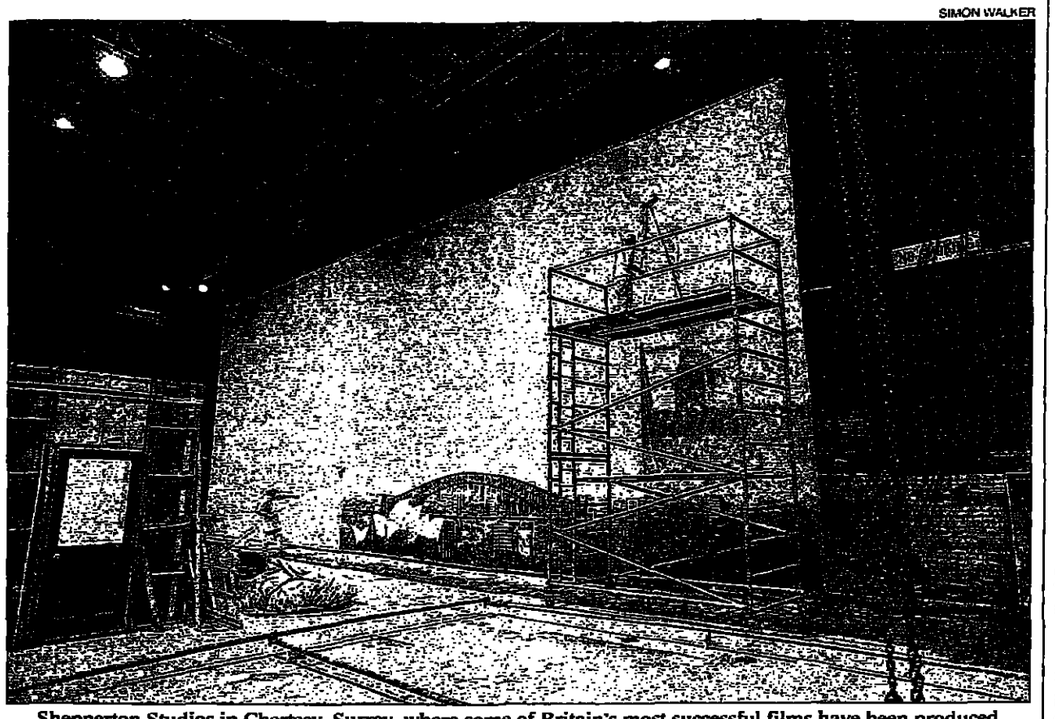
That led to the subject of tax incentives. The committee members picked up on the passionate arguments of British film-makers and on the lessons learnt on fact-finding trips to Hollywood and Ireland. Mr Kaufman pointed out that France has a tax on cinema seats from which 11 per cent is channelled back into film production.

Mr Dorrell was asked why Britain could not be inspired by such examples. He explained that while the review of film policy continued, he would not commit himself to a final statement and that, anyway, tax was the responsibility of the Chancellor. He did, though, note that film was just one area of British industry that had long argued for tax breaks.

Mr Dorrell will formally respond within two months of the committee publishing its report, expected at the end of the month.

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Shepperton Studios in Chertsey, Surrey, where some of Britain's most successful films have been produced

# Director brothers complete £12m deal to secure future of Shepperton

BY EMMA WILKINS

**RIDLEY SCOTT and his brother Tony, two of the most successful British film directors in Hollywood, bought Shepperton Studios yesterday in a £12 million deal designed to secure the future of the British film industry.**

**Ridley Scott, whose films include *Alien* and *Blade Runner*, and his brother, who directed *Beverly Hills Cop II* and *Top Gun*, hope to use personal contacts to attract American feature films to the 26-acre site near Chertsey, Surrey. They will spend a further £10 million over five years upgrading facilities at Shepperton, which, with Pinewood Studios in Buckingham, are the only British studios suitable for major films.**

**More than 600 feature films have been made at Shepperton since it opened in 1932. Recent productions include *Four Weddings and a Funeral*, the most successful British film ever, and *Judge Dredd*, starring Sylvester Stallone, which has not yet been released in Britain. The studio makes a profit of about £1.75 million a year.**



Tony Scott, left, and his brother Ridley, who hope to attract more Hollywood film-makers to Britain

**Its heyday was in the 1950s and 60s, with films such as *The Dambusters* and *The Guns of Navarone*, but by the mid 1970s Shepperton was losing an estimated £500,000 a year. In 1974 an auction of props to raise money included a rubber triffid from *The Day of the Triffids*, which fetched £55, and a flying saucer used by Peter Cushing in *Dr Who*.**

**The deal was welcomed yesterday by the British Film Commission, which is funded by the Government to attract overseas film-makers to Britain. Andrew Patrick, chief executive, said yesterday: "The message for the whole international film industry is that Britain is finally back on track."**

**The Scotts began their film careers in advertising. Ridley ocasionally returns to his roots with commercials for Guinness, the drinks company, and the nostalgic Hovis bread advertisement. They have invested £1.5 million in Shepperton. The major investor is a venture capital company, which has contributed £7 million. Marek Gumienny, a director of Candover Partners, said: "The major attraction was the involvement of Ridley and Tony Scott. They are probably two of the world's most successful film directors and very good businessmen as well." The present management team will remain.**

**Ridley Scott, 56, whose early work as a director included episodes of *Z Cars*, will announce further details of his plans later this month. He hopes to attract more British investment in home-produced films.**

# Ministers who defy advisers lose right to secrecy

BY NIGEL WILLIAMSON, WHITEHALL CORRESPONDENT

THE veil of secrecy on serious disagreements between ministers and their officials over the expenditure of public money is to be lifted.

In a move that could prevent a repetition of the Pergau Dam affair, Lord Nolan's inquiry into standards in public life was told yesterday that in future when a government minister takes a decision involving public expenditure against the advice of his senior civil servants, a copy of the "note of dissent" would automatically be sent to the Public Accounts Committee, the Parliamentary overseer of how public money is spent. The move was immediately hailed by some as Lord Nolan's first success.

In 1991, Douglas Hurd, the Foreign Secretary, ignored the advice of Sir Tim Lankester, permanent secretary at the Overseas Development Administration, that the Pergau Dam project was "a very bad buy" and "an abuse of the aid budget". The decision was later investigated and condemned by the National Audit Office in a report published in October 1993. Had the new rules been in operation at the time of the original decision, Sir Tim's objections would have come to light immediately and the deal, later ruled illegal by the High Court, could have been halted.

Robert Sheldon, chairman of the PAC, told Lord Nolan's committee that he had heard of the decision to inform the PAC of similar disagreements in a letter from the Treasury "in the last few days". The timing of the decision, immediately before Mr Sheldon was due to give evidence to the inquiry, was seen as significant. "It is a considerable victory. We have been asking for this for a long time, and particularly since the Pergau Dam affair," Mr Sheldon said. Mr Hurd conceded that the Pergau decision had been wrong four weeks before John Major announced the setting up of the Nolan committee.

Earlier Lord Nolan's committee heard from Liz Symons, the general secretary of the First Division Association, that senior civil servants were increasingly being asked by ministers to act outside accepted guidelines. She also said that the FSA had evidence from senior civil servants whose careers had been damaged by giving ministers "unwelcome" advice.

Ms Symons urged the establishment of a code of ethics that would apply to ministers, MPs and civil servants. At present, while senior civil servants have to seek permission to take up sensitive posts within two years of leaving the service, no such restrictions apply to MPs. In written evidence, the Council of Civil Service Unions suggested that an independent body, possibly the Civil Service Commissioners, should scrutinise the subsequent employment of former ministers and up to 3,500 top civil servants.

Ms Symons said that the appointment this week of Robert Creighton, private secretary to Virginia Bottomley, as chief executive of the Great Ormond Street Hospital for Sick Children, was not approved by Sir Robin Butler, the Cabinet Secretary, or the Business Appointments Committee, which examines the propriety of jobs taken by former public servants.

# BBC woman fails to win job back

BY A STAFF REPORTER

A SENIOR BBC costume designer, unfairly sacked after accusing colleagues and managers of corruption, yesterday lost her application to an industrial tribunal to order the BBC to take her back.

Judith Allen, 50, left the tribunal hearing in tears after the chairman, John Warren, announced that instead she would get the maximum compensation of £14,800. She said: "I have just lost my home and I will be bankrupt on February 8. I have been on income support and unfairly dismissed or not, I am at this moment homeless, bankrupt and penniless."

Miss Allen, who worked on series including *EastEnders* and *Last of the Summer Wine*, was dismissed in 1992 after claiming that some colleagues and managers were hiring out BBC costumes and props privately and pocketing the cash.

After hearings at the tribunal in Croydon, south London, last July and August, she was told she had won her claim for unfair dismissal. Yesterday's hearing was to decide whether the BBC should be ordered to take her back.

The BBC maintained it would be "impracticable", partly because of cutbacks in the costume department. Jill Shardlow, head of make-up and costume design at the BBC, said several members of staff had expressed distress at the prospect of her return. "She seemed to engender an atmosphere of fear and mistrust throughout the department," she said.

After the hearing Miss Allen said she would appeal. "The BBC has entirely wrecked not just my life but the lives of my entire family and they have spent a great deal of money doing it." She said she had lost her £35,000-a-year salary and her house in Great Milton, Oxfordshire, was about to be repossessed.

# Businessman wins appeal over Asil Nadir bail cash

BY ROBIN BARNWELL

A TURKISH Cypriot businessman is not obliged to pay £650,000 of a £1 million bail surety he lodged for the fugitive businessman Asil Nadir, the Court of Appeal ruled yesterday.

Ramadam Guney, the millionaire former friend of Mr Nadir, head of the collapsed Polly Peck empire who jumped £3.5 million bail in 1992, faced two years in jail if the ruling had gone against him. The Serious Fraud Office said it would appeal.

Mr Guney, who said he had not been in contact with Mr Nadir since his flight to northern Cyprus, welcomed the judgment: "Justice has been done. If the decision had gone against me it would not have ruined me. They would have put me in jail."

An SFO spokesman emphasised that the case was about a technical point and noted that the SFO would await the outcome of the appeal in the Lords. In a statement, the SFO said: "Asil Nadir remains a fugitive from justice. He is still wanted and a warrant is outstanding for his arrest."



Guney: faced jail if he had lost case

The two-to-one judgment, which overrules two earlier rulings by the divisional and High Courts, rested on whether Mr Nadir could be considered to have surrendered his bail on the opening of his trial in June 1992. Although Sir Thomas Bingham, the Master of the Rolls, agreed with the High Court that Mr Guney must forfeit his money, Lord Justice Mann and Lord Justice Peter Gibson held that Mr Guney's surety came to an end when Mr Nadir subjected himself to the conditions of the court, which amounted to a surrender of bail.

In such circumstances the judge should have renewed Mr Guney's recognisance to ensure that his obligations as a surety continued. Because of the controversial nature of the judgment, Sir Thomas Bingham gave leave to the Serious Fraud Office to make an appeal to the House of Lords.

NEWS IN BRIEF

## Soldiers' apology 'was not admission'

**Lawyers for three soldiers, charged with killing a Danish woman in Cyprus, demanded an inquiry after the men apologised to her family. Riflemen Justin Fowler, 27, Alan Ford, 26, and Jeff Pernell, 23, made the apology to a journalist who was wrongly allowed into their prison in Nicosia. The soldiers said their apology for Louise Jensen's death did not mean they were admitting guilt to the charges of manslaughter, abduction and conspiracy to rape.**

## Wrong lane crash

**Kevin Hicks and William McClure, who died in a car crash after travelling the wrong way along the A38 in Devon for 12 miles, had been drinking and taking drugs, an inquest in Torquay was told. The case was adjourned.**

## Police burgled

**Several bags of heroin and a stun gun have been stolen from the police station at Maidenhead, Berkshire, when thieves broke into a store containing exhibits for forthcoming trials. Police refused to comment.**

## Penalty saved

**A nude figurine, removed from the lounge of Etop Grange, a country house hotel outside Manchester, after a stay by three Liverpool Football Club players, has been returned after a discreet complaint to the club.**

## Parachute death

**A civilian parachutist fell 12,000ft to his death when his canopy failed to open when he was on a jump with the Royal Marines parachute team in California. Ian King, 35, worked for the Irvin GB parachute company.**

## Man 'killed wife'

**Geoffrey Mace, the publisher of *Pet Dogs* magazine, strangled his wife Paula and gassed himself in their car because his wife was having an affair, an inquest in Huddersfield was told. The inquest was adjourned.**

## Street thanked

**Organisers of an appeal for St David's Hospice in Newport, Gwent, who were handed a £100,000 cheque by a couple who would only say they lived in Aberthaw Road are to thank everyone who lives in the street.**

## Abductor jailed

**Warwick Spinks, 30, of Hastings, who drugged a boy of 14 and sold him to a homosexual brothel in Amsterdam, was jailed for seven years by Lewes Crown Court for abduction, taking indecent photographs and buggery.**

## Baby denied aid

**Benjamin Jones, a five-week-old boy who was discharged from hospital with a hypodermic needle inside him, has been refused legal aid to pursue a claim for negligence, the Legal Aid Board has announced.**

## £42m missing

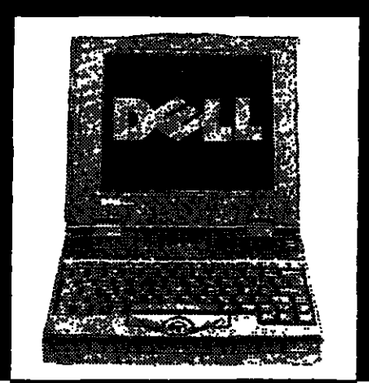
**More than £42 million in loose change disappeared from circulation in Britain last year, according to a Royal Mint survey. The 450 million lost coins included 210 million 1p pieces and 25 million £1 coins.**

## CORRECTIONS

**In an article (January 31) Nigella Lawson incorrectly reported that childminder Mrs Anne Davis had been sacked by Sutton (Surrey) social services for smacking a child, when in fact she had been deregistered, a decision subsequently reversed after a successful challenge in the courts. A reference in an article by Peter Millar yesterday to wartime Rotterdam should have made clear that the city was destroyed by the German air force.**


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Tonic water poisoner 'hatched evil plot'

# Scientist who tried to murder his wife jailed for 12 years

By Gillian Bowditch

AN internationally-renowned scientist was jailed for 12 years at the High Court in Edinburgh yesterday for attempting to murder his wife by poisoning her gin and tonic.

Paul Agutter, a biochemistry lecturer at Napier University in Edinburgh, was also found guilty by a majority verdict of endangering the lives of seven other people by adding atropine, a derivative of deadly nightshade, to supermarket tonic water.

Agutter, 48, of Kilduff Lodge Athelstaneford, Lothian, gave his wife of 18 years a potentially lethal dose of the drug in the gin and tonic. He then tried to cover his tracks by spiking bottles of Safeway tonic water with atropine and leaving them on the shelves of a supermarket in Edinburgh, to make his wife appear as a random victim of the tonic water poisoner.

Sentencing Agutter, Lord Morison said: "This was an evil and cunningly devised crime, not only designed to bring about the death of your wife but cause great alarm, danger and injury to the public."

The court heard that it could have been the perfect murder. Atropine kills its victims but is quickly expelled from the body, leaving practically no trace. It is a "non-irritant poison", leaving no marks on the internal organs. Even the most experienced pathologist would be likely to miss it while carrying out a post mortem.

The prosecution alleged that Agutter, who had an unhappy marriage, financial problems and a mistress he wanted to marry, had poured his wife Alexandria, 39, a drink on August 28 last year. She became seriously ill after drinking it.

Instead of calling an ambulance, Agutter, who had dropped out of a medical degree at Edinburgh University because he did not think he would make a good doctor, rang his GP and left a non-urgent message saying he wanted to talk about an allergic reaction. Fortunately for Mrs Agutter, a locum GP was nearby and called at the house within minutes. She discovered Mrs Agutter was seriously ill and rang for an ambulance.

When it arrived, James Rudyj, the paramedic, told Agutter he wanted to take the tonic water bottles for analysis and also asked for the remains of the drink which Mrs Agutter had been drinking.



Dr Agutter: caused great public alarm

Analysis showed that the drink contained three times the concentration of atropine found in the tonic water bottle from which it was supposedly poured. The inference was that Agutter had topped up his wife's glass with a lethal dose of poison. Four days before Mrs Agutter fell ill, a Safeway employee saw Agutter putting bottles of tonic water hidden under his jacket back on the shelf. These were later bought by members of the public.

The poisoning incident in August last year caused widespread alarm in Edinburgh as people became ill after drinking the contaminated tonic. A string of witnesses described their symptons after drinking the drugged tonic, to the court. Their mouths felt dry, they suffered dizziness and could not walk. They experienced hallucinations and started talking gibberish. Many were taken to hospital and several were diagnosed as suffering from alcohol abuse.

Agutter's plan to kill his wife, a former lecturer in English at Edinburgh University, backfired when the first of his other victims turned out to be the family of a consultant anaesthetist Geoffrey Sharwood-Smith. Dr Sharwood-Smith suspected the tonic water was the source of the poison and guessed from his wife and son's symptons that atropine might be to blame. He alerted the hospital, police and Safeway to the poisoned tonic water and his actions were praised in court by Lord Morison.

By the time Agutter's wife arrived at hospital several days later, alarm bells had started to ring and the police moved quickly. Initially they did not suspect Agutter who told the media at the time: "Probably only the fact that myself and Dr Smith were in a position to recognise the symptoms as serious, prevented any fatalaries. I don't want to live through another 24 hours like that again."

Despite strong forensic evidence linking Agutter to the spate of poisonings, neither of the two women in his life believed him to be guilty. Mrs Agutter, told friends she did not believe Agutter had it in him. She regularly visited Agutter in prison while his mistress Carole Bonsall, who has since ended the relationship with Agutter, said she still believed he was innocent.

The evidence against Agutter, who has a first class honours degree and a Phd, was all circumstantial but it was the forensic evidence which proved to be his undoing. Only Agutter, who had access to the prison at his work, could have put the extra dose of poison in his wife's drink and as his complicated private life threatened to overwhelm him, the court believed he had sufficient motive.

# Schoolboy tells of £500 bill for sex club cola

By A Staff Reporter

A BOY was too ashamed to tell his family he had been charged £500 for a can of cola in a Soho sex club, the Old Bailey was told yesterday. His mother found out after she studied his bank account and took her 16-year-old son to a police station, where he told how he had been cheated.

Clair Malone, 20, one of the staff at the club in Piccadilly, has pleaded not guilty to blackmailing the boy, from Surrey, who cannot be named.

He had gone to London last July planning to spend about £30 on an erotic film. He told the court that he was approached by a "blonde in a black dress" called Clair Malone. "She told me that the entrance fee for the Erotica Club would be £3 and I gave her a £10 note. She said I could have the change when I got downstairs."

He ordered a cola and was told that it would cost him £4.50. "I told them to take it out of my change from the entrance fee but they would not. I handed over another £10 note," he said.

After talking to two hostesses he was allegedly given the £500 bill. He said he refused to pay but was pushed back into his seat by one of the women, who said that his parents would be told if he did not pay. His rucksack was searched and then the boy, who had pretended to be 18, was allegedly given a "legal form" by Ms Malone which he was asked to fill in with details of his name and address, the court was told. "They asked if I had a bank account and I told them I did. One of the women found a £10 note and handed that to the girl on the door."

As he was scared he claimed to have more than £750 in his account, and was taken to a bank. He was allowed to withdraw only £114, which he gave to the club.

The judge, Mr Recorder Chadwin, QC, pointed out that the teenager had handed over a total of £144 "and all you had got was a can of cola".

He was allowed to leave the club after promising to pay the rest of the money the next Saturday. "I went home feeling frightened. They seemed very serious about telling my parents. I knew what my father would be like," he told the jury.

He was forced to confess after his mother opened his bank statement. But even at the police station he did not tell the whole truth, he admitted. With his mother sitting beside him in the interview room he was too ashamed at first to say that he had gone to buy a blue film, and said that he had been looking for computer games.

The trial continues.

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Sir Iain Vallance, who wrote to the BMA to apologise, with Elizabeth, his wife

# Doctors challenge BT chief's remark on job stress

By Andrew Pierce

JUNIOR doctors yesterday challenged Sir Iain Vallance, the chairman of British Telecom, to swap jobs for a week to see who had the most punishing schedule.

Sir Iain, who faced criticism for a remark about doctors' hours, last night sent a letter to the British Medical Association expressing regret for any offence he may have caused during his appearance on Tuesday at a Commons select committee.

Sir Iain, in evidence on Tuesday to the employment committee, said: "I would quite like a job as a junior doctor in the NHS. It might be quite relaxing."

Doctors at the three hospitals within the St George's Trust, Tooting, south London, said Sir Iain should look closer to home for evidence of the hours that doctors work. The trust, chaired by Dr Elizabeth Vallance, Sir Iain's wife, admitted that some junior doctors worked up to 80 hours a week. The government guideline is for a 72-hour week.

A spokeswoman for the trust said: "It is true. We are doing what we can to bring those hours down. But most work no more than 72 hours a week."

Dr Andrew Carney, chairman of the BMA's junior hospital doctors' committee, said Sir Iain's comments were offensive. "I am appalled. Flip or serious, he should respond to our challenge and swap jobs. Then we could see whether he thought it was a subject to make a joke about. Sir Iain might also find the cut in pay quite relaxing — from his reported basic salary to an average £13,590. On my calculations, a house officer earns in a year what Sir Iain earns in about ten days."

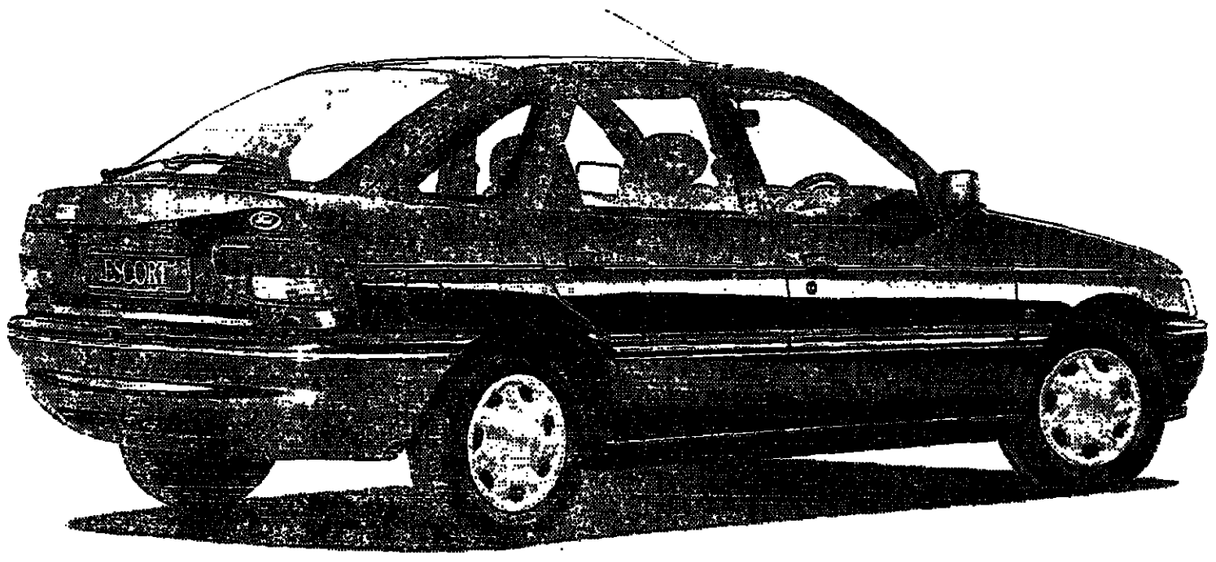
British Telecom yesterday launched a damage-limitation exercise. In addition to radio and television interviews, Sir Iain issued a personal statement. He said his remarks had been taken out of context. He said he had written to the BMA to explain the background to his remarks and regretted that one throwaway line, in 75-minutes before the select committee, had dominated the media coverage.


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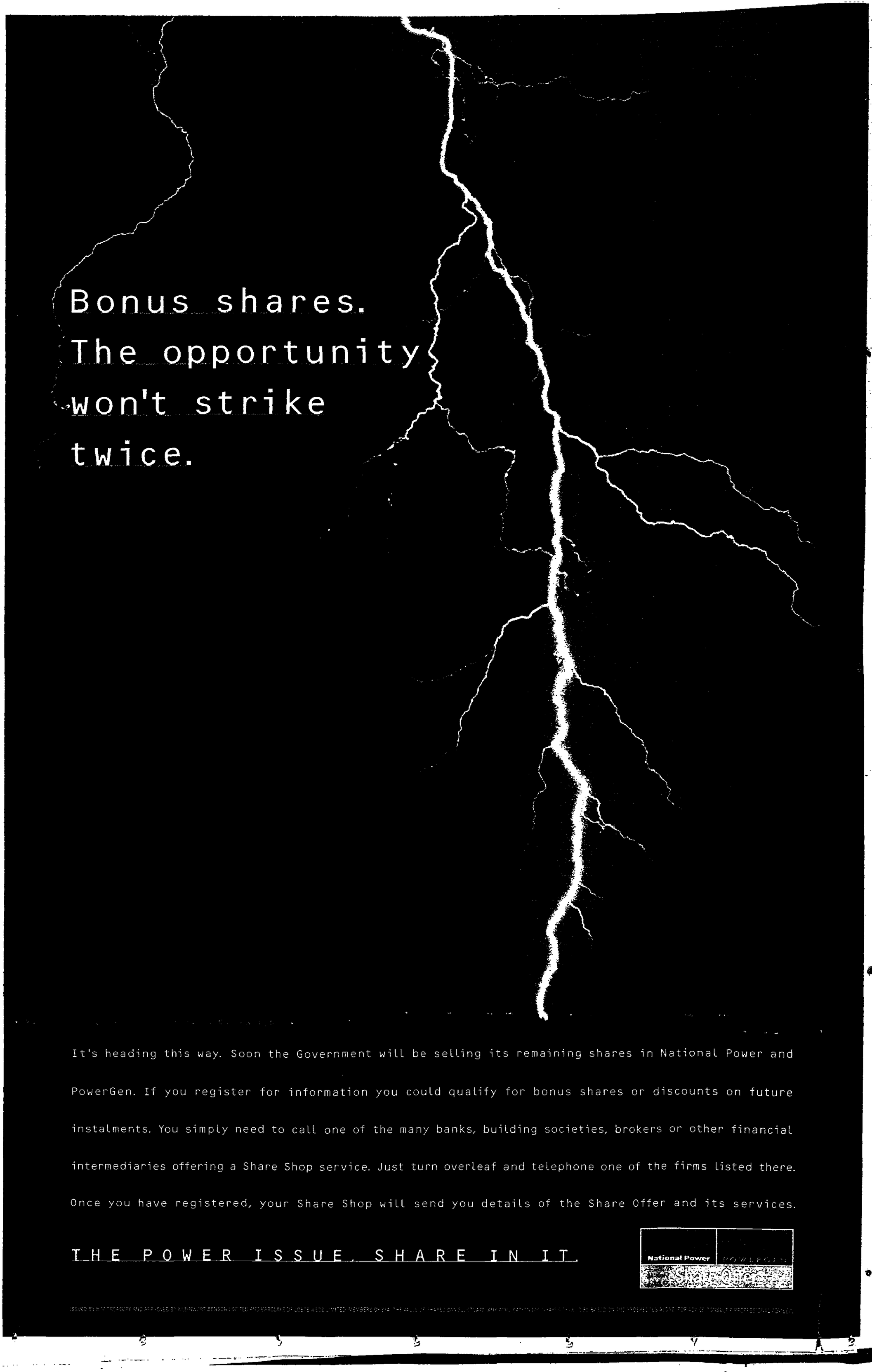
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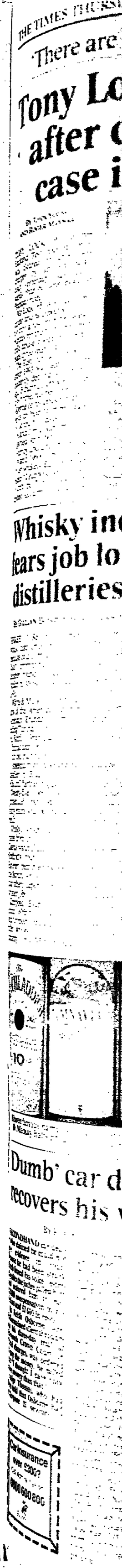


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# Tony Lock faces ruin after child abuse case is dropped

BY JOHN YOUNG AND ROGER MAYNARD



Lock: charges partly to blame for wife's death

TONY LOCK, the former England Test cricketer, who was cleared of child sex charges by an Australian court yesterday, said afterwards that he was close to financial ruin.

Mr Lock, 65, who has lung cancer and is expected to live for only a few months, spoke publicly for the first time since child abuse allegations were made three years ago.

The Test star, who in November 1993 was acquitted of indecently dealing with a girl aged 15 during a cricket lesson at his home, has been forced to sell some of his cricket memorabilia to help to meet legal costs of the two cases.

He and Jim Laker formed a renowned spin bowling pair for Surrey and England in the 1950s and 1960s, and he took 174 Test wickets. But yesterday he said: "I suppose when I die, it won't be Tony Lock, the greatest left-arm slow bowler to play for England, but Tony Lock, the guy who was up on sex charges."

He had denied four charges of unlawfully and indecently dealing with a 10-year-old girl. He had met the girl's mother, a former member of the Australian women's cricket team, while he was a player-coach for the Western Australia Sheffield Shield side.

The complainant, now 24 and married, alleged Mr Lock had fondled her when she stayed at his family home in 1980. But at the trial in December, six defence witnesses testified that the family had not moved into the house until the following year.

After a two-day hearing the jury failed to reach a verdict, and Mr Lock was remanded to appear in the Western Australian district court. Yesterday Ian Jones, for the prosecution, told the court that the charges were to be dropped because of the evidence given at the trial, Mr Lock's age and failing health, and the cost of a retrial.

After the hearing Mr Lock spoke of his wife Audrey, who died of a heart attack last September after 45 years of marriage. "She stood by me from the start and believed in me implicitly," he said. "I do believe these charges were a contributing factor in her death because for any person it's a big strain.

"It's gratifying to know my fight for justice has been justified. But I don't feel overelated. I'm relieved, but I'll never forget what I've been through. I've always had an affinity with kids, boys and girls, but all this has made me think twice now about going near anyone.

"At least now I can hold my head a bit higher when I walk down the street. There are people who will always believe I am guilty, but at least I know the truth. My reputation has been destroyed, but I'm lucky I've got friends who won't give a stuff, and they're the only people who matter."

Mr Lock's son, Richard, said the charges had made the cricketer reluctant to leave his home in Beechboro, Perth. "He didn't want to face people. It has affected all of us, not that we ever doubted dad's innocence."

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Tony Lock, second right, after taking seven wickets for 49 runs in Surrey's ten-wicket victory over Australia in 1956. Applauding him off the pitch are, from left, Peter May, Peter Loader, the umpire Laurie Gray and Ken Barrington

# Bank pays £2,500 over passive smoking

BY NIGEL HAWKES

A BANK employee has been awarded £2,500 in an out-of-court settlement for an illness made worse by passive smoking.

Elizabeth Ashby, 49, who suffers from asthma, won the sum from her former employers, Chartered West LB Ltd in the City of London. In 1988 the Department of Employment had recommended that Mrs Ashby, who is a registered disabled person with a history of lung problems, should work in a smoke-free area.

But over the next three years smokers were introduced into the room she used, and she became ill, having to go into hospital in 1991. The employer's medical adviser acknowledged that the smoke had contributed to her condition, and a settlement was reached a week before the case was due in court.

John Bruty, of Sternberg Reed Taylor and Gill, solicitors for Mrs Ashby, of Forest Gate, east London, said the result would encourage anyone who thought they had suffered from environmental tobacco smoke.

Nigel Hawkes, page 17

# Whisky industry fears job losses as distilleries close

BY GILLIAN BOWDITCH, SCOTLAND CORRESPONDENT

THREE of Scotland's malt whisky distilleries are to close because of a surplus "whisky lake", prompting fears of another round of cutbacks similar to those of the early 1980s.

Whyte & Mackay, a subsidiary of the American group American Brands, is mothballing Tamnavulin distillery in Banff, Grampian, and Bruichladdich on the Isle of Islay and halting production of single malts at Tullibardine distillery in Blackford, Tayside, until further notice.

Twenty-five jobs will go immediately, but locals fear many more will be lost as a result.

Whisky, which takes its name from the Gaelic *Uisge Beatha* (water of life) is vital to Scotland's tourist industry. For every person employed in the Scotch whisky industry, four others depend on them for their jobs.

Campbell Evans, of the Scotch Whisky Association, said: "In most of these communities whisky is the main industry. Only 3,500 people live on Islay and apart from farming, whisky is the only real industry. It is a very sad day for Scottish whisky."

Tullibardine, which stands beneath the Ochil Hills on the site of a 17th-century brewery, close to the Gleneagles Hotel and golf course, is particularly popular with visitors. Most of its whisky is made for blending, but the Tullibardine ten-year-old malt is favoured for its light, fresh and clean quality. Bruichladdich's ten and 15-year malts are popular as aperitifs.

Scotch whisky production has fallen 18 per cent since 1990. In 1979 the industry employed 26,000 people. Today there are fewer than 15,000. Malt whisky accounts for 5 per cent of the market.

☐ Distillers are to appeal to the European Union against Japanese tax on whisky, which is seven times that applied to spirits imported from Japan. They say it flouts world trade agreements. Japan is the fourth biggest export market for Scotch, after America, France and Spain.




Three famous names will disappear after Whyte & Mackay halts production at three distilleries

# 'Dumb' car dealer recovers his voice

BY ROBIN YOUNG

A SECONDHAND car dealer who claimed he could not give evidence in court because he had been struck dumb found his voice yesterday after the judge jailed him and ordered him to pay £12,800 compensation to his victims and £1,600 in costs.

As Keith Osborne, who had remained silent throughout his three-day trial at Isleworth Crown Court on fraud charges, was ordered to pay the money, he called out: "I thought I gave back more money than that."

Judge Thomas, who had been told that Osborne had undergone 12 sessions of electro-convulsive shock therapy and had spent five months in the psychiatric wing of a hospital in attempts to restore his power of speech, observed: "That sounded like perfectly intelligible English to me."

In an earlier trial, a previous jury decided that Osborne, 44, of Ruislip, London, was remaining silent maliciously. When a second jury was sworn in, Osborne offered no evidence. The jury returned guilty verdicts on 10 of 12 charges.

They heard that Osborne had turned the clocks back on cars. One BMW was sold with 22,400 miles on the clock when the true mileage was nearer 65,000.

Judge Thomas sentenced Osborne to two and a half years' imprisonment and ordered £55,300 to be confiscated as his profits from fraud. Rejecting an application for an order under the Mental Health Act, he told Osborne: "If you need treatment for your medical condition, you can have it in prison."

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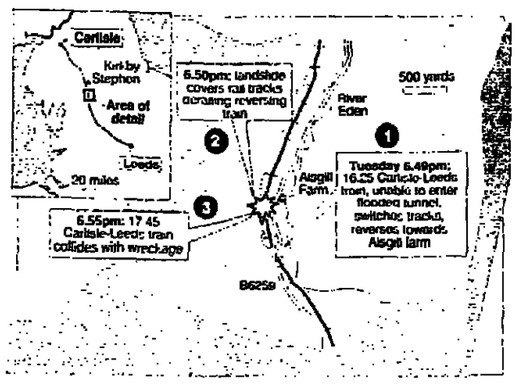
# Guard dies evacuating passengers from coach

BY PAUL WILKINSON

A GUARD who was killed when his train was hit by another moments after it was derailed had helped passengers to safety, it emerged yesterday.

Stuart Wilson, 47, had calmed panicking passengers after their two-car Sprinter ploughed into a landslip in the dark five miles from Kirkby Stephen in Cumbria on Tuesday night. He had guided them from the blacked-out first carriage into the light and relative safety of the rear coach.

As he checked the inside of the leading car, which had slewed across the opposite track, it was struck by the second train. For six minutes control room staff at Crewe, Cheshire, had been frantically attempting to raise the second train driver on his cab radio after the derailed train's crew warned of the blocked line. They had already alerted the emergency services after the derailment. Crash investigators were yesterday trying to discover why the radio warnings were not picked up by the driver but Cumbria Police said that the moorland was a notoriously bad reception area. A spokesman said: "We had terrible difficulties with communications at the scene. Mobile phones, even police radios, did not work."




Railtrack's own investigators and a team from the Health and Safety Executive will be examining the train's communications system to see whether it was defective.

Mr Wilson's actions were praised by Libby Boden, a passenger from Leeds, who with her five-week-old daughter Eleanor. She said: "His presence was a great comfort, he was a lovely man. He stayed with us talking about his family and grandchildren. He was trying to help everyone and keep us calm."

A spokesman for Railtrack, owners of the Settle to Carlisle line said: "From some passengers' accounts it appears he was a bit of a hero. He had gone back into the unlit carriage to see if anyone was still inside."

The accident happened after the driver of the 16.25 Carlisle to Leeds service had turned his train round at Stainforth, because tracks were impassable due to flooding. Less than 500 yards back down the line, at Aisgill, it was derailed by the landslide and soon after was struck by the 17.45 heading for Leeds.

Mr Wilson, who was divorced and lived with his son Andrew in Leeds, was killed, one woman suffered serious injuries and there were 30 "walking wounded", including the two train drivers. Six are still detained in the Cumberland Infirmary in Carlisle, one, June Mary Peel, 62, of Templegate Close, Leeds, in the intensive care unit.



Jennifer Taylor, top, and Amine Akanour, the ex-boyfriend who killed her parents, Barry and Janet

# Life sentences for man who killed ex-lover's parents

BY BILL FROST

A MOROCCAN student who pursued his former girlfriend to England and killed her parents because she spurned him was given two life sentences yesterday.

Amine Akanour, 25, was convicted at Winchester Crown Court of murdering Janet Taylor, 46, a teacher, and her husband, Barry, 45, a university lecturer, at their home in Southsea, Hampshire, in December 1993. Passing sentence, Mr Justice Collins said it was clear Akanour had deliberately planned the killings because of his obsession with Jennifer Taylor, 24.

Akanour remained expressionless as the judge said: "Medical reports make it plain you are in need of treatment and it may be the Secretary of State will decide you should be transferred to a secure hospital to receive that treatment."

The court was earlier told that Akanour had used a kitchen knife to inflict "appalling" injuries on Mrs Taylor, virtually decapitating her. He left her body upside down in a broom cupboard, then killed the family dog. When Dr Taylor arrived he was attacked with the hammer and left dying in the hallway. Police arrested Akanour, who was heavily bloodstained, in a street near by. He later told detectives: "They deserved it."

At the trial it was said Akanour might have seen Dr and Mrs Taylor as an obstacle to reconciliation with their daughter, whom he met while studying in France.

On Miss Taylor's birthday, the day before the killings, Akanour called at the family home but there was no one in. He told the court that when he returned the next day he lost feeling in his legs and feet and sensed a "presence" as if someone else had entered him. The last thing he remembered was a "hospital smell".

The defence argued that Akanour, who was detained in Broadmoor, had not committed the killings. If he had attacked the couple, it was while his mental state was such his responsibility was substantially impaired.

# 5 parishes desert bishop in protest over clergyman

BY RUTH GLEDHILL, RELIGION CORRESPONDENT

**PARISHIONERS whose clergyman was sacked for wanting to marry for a third time have decided to take the management of their churches out of the bishop's hands and run them by themselves.**

**Five of the ten parishes in Norfolk ministered to by the Rev Kit Chalcraft are to opt out of diocesan control and invite clergy of their own choosing to take services.**

**They will stop paying their "quota", the contribution to diocesan funds that goes towards stipends, and use the money saved to pay clergy directly. They will also exercise their right to refuse anyone put forward to replace Mr Chalcraft.**

**He will lose his job as priest-in-charge of the Hilborough group of parishes at the end of this month, when his licence is withdrawn by the Bishop of Norwich, the Right Rev Peter Nott.**

**Announcing the decision last year, the bishop said: "A clergyman who marries for the third time following two divorces can in no way bear witness effectively to Christian standards of marriage."**



Chalcraft: soon to marry for third time

**Five parishes have accepted the loss of Mr Chalcraft but the other five, Bodney, Didlington, Little Cressingham, Oxborough and Threxton, have decided that from the end of next month they no longer want to be part of the group.**

**John Davies, churchwarden of Little Cressingham, said: "The way the bishop dumped Kit enraged us. He has not been here in all the seven and a half years Kit has been our priest. We don't want him making rules about what we should do."**

**Mr Davies has written to the the Bishop of Norwich's suffragan, the Right Rev David Conner, Bishop of Lynn, outlining the five churches' plans. "We will accept the spiritual leadership of the bishop but not his management of our affairs. We will not be paying our quota [£1,100 a year]."**

**Mr Chalcraft, 57, who plans to marry a widow, said: "I am going to have six months off, during which time I will get married and sort out my future. At the moment I have no plans to take services anywhere."**

**Bishop Nott said the parishes were acting as if they were an independent sect when they should be working together to heal divisions.**

**"They seem to want to continue as members of the Church of England on the one hand, and on the other to have nothing to do with the structure of the Church," Bishop Nott said.**


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# Pro-Europe Tories strike back with manifesto launch

BY NICHOLAS WOOD, CHIEF POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

TORY pro-Europeans will today hit back in the internal feud over Europe by publishing their own manifesto intended to underpin Britain's approach to the critical 1996 inter-governmental conference on the future of the Union.

Yesterday a three-hour meeting of the Positive Europeans, the backbench ginger group that claims a membership of 90 Tory MPs, agreed a policy statement to be published today.

Members of the group said last night that the paper would be a restatement of the case for British membership of the European Union and would point out that unlike during the 1970s and 1980s, no responsible political party was arguing for withdrawal.

Although the paper will refrain from direct attacks on hardline Tory Euro-sceptics, it is bound to be seen as a preliminary riposte to the "mission statement" that was published about ten days ago by the nine Tory rebels who have lost the party whip. That document called for an overhaul of the EU, including the repudiation of economic and monetary union and the replacement of the European Parliament with an assembly of MPs nominated by national parliaments.

Leading members of the Positive European group said that the rebel statement boiled down to a demand for a British exit from the EU.

Today's paper will restate the broad principles behind British membership. Later documents will set out the pro-European agenda for the inter-governmental conference.

The group's meeting was also attended by Jeremy Hanley, the Conservative party chairman, as senior ministers pressed ahead with their campaign to ease Tory tensions after the disclosures by *The Times* about last week's Cabinet meeting having marked a Euro-sceptic shift in government policy towards the 1996 conference.

Mr Hanley denied that the Cabinet was split over Europe and that Mr Major was changing tack to appease the the nine exiles. He told the meeting, attended by 20 members of the group: "Ours is not a negative view of Europe. We want a Europe which works."

He added: "We cannot be positive without being realistic and we cannot be realistic without being positive." The majority of Tories saw the benefits of being in Europe, especially concerning trade, environment and defence, but realised that the Government must not say "Yes" to everything.

But the party chairman's attempt to paper over the cracks was undermined by Hugh Dykes, Tory MP for Harrow East and chairman of the European Movement, who said he was "deeply shocked" at suggestions made to him by a senior member of the Government that in the IGC negotiations Britain would seek an "opt out" from Maastricht decisions.

He was also worried at approaches made to him on the lines that everything could be amicably resolved within the Tory party as long as the pro-Europeans saw the reality of a more robust nationalist attitude.

In another development yesterday, Douglas Hurd, the Foreign Secretary, said on BBC radio that he would support a referendum on a single currency if it became a firm proposal in 1999. In the Commons, Mr Hurd denied that government policy on Europe was being shaped to appease the rebels as he responded to taunts by the opposition parties that the nine were wringing concessions out of the Cabinet.



Alan Milburn, Labour MP for Darlington, said: "Isn't it now obvious that Britain's interests in Europe are secondary in your mind to the appeasement of competing factions inside the Conservative party? Why don't you stand up for what we all know you believe in rather than playing footsie with those who clearly want you out of your current job?"

Mr Hurd replied: "What we are doing is this: on the basis of the general principles which Mr Major established in his speech at Leiden and has elaborated since, we are constructing specific and positive proposals which Britain will be able to put forward at the IGC next year.

"That is the immediate task before us and I'm sure that's the right way to set about it."

# Gummer suffers MPs' anger over council squeeze

BY JILL SHERMAN, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

JOHN GUMMER was attacked by Tory and opposition MPs last night over the level of cash grants to local councils. MPs, fighting their own corner, argued in a Commons debate that the allocations would lead to service cuts, teaching redundancies and larger class sizes.

Mr Gummer, the Environment Secretary, announced at the end of last year that central support for local councils would fall by 0.4 per cent in cash terms after discounting extra money for community care. Since then MPs have been inundated with claims by council leaders that the settlement will lead to drastic cuts in education.

Last night Mr Gummer conceded that the money would be tight next year but argued that this need not lead to service cuts. He insisted that the settlement would allow most authorities to increase spending year on year but there would have to be greater efficiency.

"We have had to make tough decisions on all areas of public spending this year and this settlement is no exception," he said. "We have to strike a balance between the proper responsibility of central government for the economy as a whole, including the control of inflation, and the proper duty of local government to decide how much it wants to spend to meet local needs."

Mr Gummer did announce a change to the capping criteria. Any authority whose standing spending assessment was reduced by 10 per cent as a result of the 1993 review would have its budget frozen rather than reduced, he said.

Several Tory backbenchers criticised Mr Gummer. Alan Howarth, MP for Stratford-upon-Avon, said the settlement in Warwickshire would increase pressure on schools.

"Our frustration is that year after year our representations appear to be ignored," he said. "The future quality of life in our country depends to a large extent on whether we invest in our schools. I regret very much that the Government's present proposals ... run counter to these purposes."

# Schools fear cuts in teaching staff

BY BEN PRESTON, EDUCATION CORRESPONDENT

THOUSANDS of state schools will be forced to shed teachers or face big increases in class sizes unless the Government helps to fund the profession's pay increase, local authority leaders said yesterday.

Graham Lane, chairman of the Labour-controlled Association of Metropolitan Authorities, said councils would need at least £140 million if the School Teachers' Pay Review Body recommends an inflation-proof increase next week, as expected.

Mr Lane said most authorities had budgeted for an increase of 1 to 1.5 per cent but would require individual schools to find any extra themselves. "This would have a devastating impact on children, particularly in urban areas. Primary classes of more than 35 are no longer unusual, and those of more than 30 are commonplace."

Councillors lobbying Parliament yesterday said persuading ministers to intervene was difficult because the impact of the financial squeeze would vary greatly between schools. They hoped that governors would encourage parents to blame the cuts on the Government.

Janet Morgan, the joint chairman of Oxfordshire's education committee, said 400 jobs were at risk. Council officers had recommended that £2.6 million be put aside to fund redundancies in the next two years.

Liz Boait, education chairman in Gloucestershire, said academic standards were falling as a result of education cuts of 10 per cent over the past three years. A 4 per cent cut was threatened this year.

# Homeowners paying 'for Tory failings'

HOUSING costs for Britain's ten million mortgage holders will rise by over 25 per cent in the next nine months, Labour said yesterday (Alice Thomson writes).

Gordon Brown, the Shadow Chancellor, said the typical homeowner would be paying more than £800 extra in costs that would rise from £3,200 last April to more than £4,000 by this October.

The Labour figures were released on the day that mortgage interest-rate rises began to be felt by millions of homeowners and as the Nationwide Building Society reported a 0.5 per cent fall in house prices over the year up to last month.

Mr Brown said mortgage rates were rising as a consequence of Tory economic failure, and all homeowners had to pay the new insurance tax on home contents and building insurance. Also, from October 1995, government help for unemployed mortgage holders was being cut back and homeowners would need private insurance. Labour would make Tory MPs face up to their manifesto pledge to homeowners by forcing a Commons vote on the proposal to "impose private mortgage insurance".

# Clegg case prompts yellow card rethink

BY ALICE THOMSON
POLITICAL REPORTER

THE Government is to consider giving legal status to the yellow card that outlines the rules of engagement for troops in Northern Ireland.

Ministers will also examine the position of police offiers and soldiers in the Province as part of a review of the murder law, it was announced in the Commons yesterday. The review follows protests over the case of Lee Clegg, the para-trooper serving a life sentence for the shooting of a joyrider in Belfast.

Nicholas Soames, the Armed Forces Minister, told MPs that it would be wrong to rule out at this stage the possibility of creating a lesser offence than murder that might apply to those who "use lethal force in the carrying out of their duty in maintaining law and order".

Earlier, backbenchers on both sides stepped up the pressure to free Private Clegg, 26, whose appeal was dismissed by the Law Lords last month. Julian Brazier (Con, Canterbury), who initiated the debate, called for him to be released on licence. He said the case had left soldiers in doubt about when they were justified in opening fire.

Mr Soames denied that there was any uncertainty over soldiers' understanding of the rules. "It is impressed on all servicemen that in all situations which they may face they are to use the minimum of force and firearms may only be used as a last resort," he said. But he added that it was right to acknowledge the "split-second judgments" that had to be made in countering "wicked terrorism".

Joe Hendron (SDLP, West Belfast) said that joyriders had never been linked to paramilitary activity in Northern Ireland and they did not deserve to be shot dead. He conceded, however, that the accusation of murder in Clegg's case might have been too strong.

**IN PARLIAMENT**

YESTERDAY: The Commons sat at 10am for backbench debates on Northern Ireland rules of engagement, cars in the community funding, the Suffolk police budget, Wyre Piddle by-pass and the Lockerbie bombing. At 2.30pm questions to Foreign Office ministers were followed by a statement by Sir Patrick Mayhew, Northern Ireland Secretary, on the leaked framework document. MPs then debated the English Revenue Support Grant Reports. In the Lords, debates on juvenile crime and the Civil Service's role were followed by the committee stage of the War Crimes (Supplementary Provisions) Bill.

TODAY: In the Commons, questions to Treasury ministers and the Prime Minister will be followed by debates on Social Security (Incapacity for Work) regulations and the science budget. The Lords will debate the Environment Bill and the Civil Evidence (Family Mediation) (Scotland) Bill.

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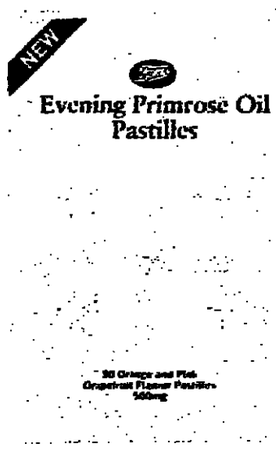
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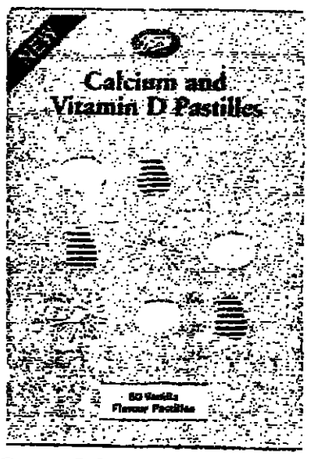
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Someone Cares

Civil servant says CSA's 'broad brush' will lead to more complaints

# MPs told agency reforms will lead to rougher justice

BY ARTHUR LEATHLEY
POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

REFORMS to the Child Support Agency will create "rougher justice", leading to a new wave of complaints, a senior civil servant admitted yesterday. The changes that were announced last month by Peter Lilley, the Social Security Secretary, would mean that the agency would use a more "broad-brush" method of assessing maintenance payments, it was said.

After heavy criticism of the complicated formula for assessing payments, Mr Lilley announced that it would be loosened to allow the agency to catch up with a huge backlog of outstanding cases.

Sir Michael Partridge, Permanent Secretary at the Department of Social Security, told MPs: "The broad-brush approach may well produce more complaints because it is a rougher justice." He added: "It is not necessarily the end."

Sir Michael, giving evidence before the Commons Select Committee on the Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration, admitted the existing formula was "very complicated". Both Sir Michael and Ann Chant, chief executive of the CSA, faced a barrage of attacks from Conservative and Labour MPs over the agency's past failures, which were the subject last month of a highly critical report by William Reid, the Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration.



Sir Michael: existing formula complicated

However, Miss Chant blamed an orchestrated wrecking campaign by a minority of absent parents and critics of the agency for some of the delays in dealing with maintenance cases. She said: "I have never seen in 30 years in social security such an orchestrated and organised attempt to avoid legal liability. That was unprecedented and I don't think it could reasonably have been foreseen."

Miss Chant claimed that agency staff were subjected to time-wasting telephone calls and said that meetings to organise opposition to the scheme were organised by people with no direct interest.

In the face of criticism against the agency of incorrect assessments and wrong identification of absent parents, Miss Chant said that the agency would slow down some of its work in order to ensure greater accuracy in future and added that staff who made mistakes would be disciplined.

Some targets originally set for dealing with cases might have been "an unrealistic achievement" and Mr Lilley was reviewing the time-scale to achieve a better balance between speed and accuracy, she said. "There will be quite a difference in targets."

Miss Chant said that many complaints could have been expected because of the "sheer shock" felt by absent parents who were asked to make "commercially realistic" maintenance payments instead of the low financial assistance to which they had been accustomed. Many parents used to paying between £8 and £12 a week had been faced with bills of £30 to £40, which they were not prepared to pay.

Sir Michael was also pressed to consider financial compensation for cases in which people had been caused stress or worry because of CSA mistakes. Tony Wright, a Labour committee member, said that, although there had been almost 30,000 complaints against the agency, only 16 compensation payments had been made, totalling £1,148.46. "There is such a huge mismatch between the scale of misery generated by this agency and the paltry compensation payments," he said.

Sir Michael said that the issue of compensation was being reviewed but insisted that it should be necessary to provide medical evidence to support claims of harm caused by worry or stress.



Ann Chant, head of the Child Support Agency: "I have never in 30 years seen such an orchestrated and organised attempt to avoid legal liability"

# Gulf troops say effects of drugs were kept secret

BY MICHAEL EVANS, DEFENCE CORRESPONDENT

GULF War veterans clashed with senior Ministry of Defence officials yesterday after claiming that they had been pressured into taking a cocktail of drugs to counter anthrax and other biological warfare weapons during the 1991 conflict.

The Gulf War veterans told a hearing of the Commons Defence Committee that no one warned them of the potential side-effects of the vaccines.

The men now claim to be suffering from Gulf War syndrome, an illness said to involve memory loss, swelling joints, fainting spells, panic attacks and blurred vision. They told the MPs that they had been ordered to line up in the desert and have all the injections simultaneously.

Robert Lake, a former corporal with the Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers, who attended the hearing in a wheelchair, said that he had been told that unless he agreed to have the injections, he would have to sign a disclaimer, absolving the MoD of any liability if he were injured in an Iraqi chemical or biological warfare attack.

Vice-Admiral Tony Revell, Surgeon General, told the MPs he was astonished by the allegation. "This was certainly not ministry policy," he said. He admitted, however, that it was possible that individual commanding officers may have taken this precaution if a soldier had refused to have the injections.

Bruce George, acting chairman of the committee, expressed amazement that, with more than 500 cases of alleged Gulf War syndrome, only one doctor, Wing Commander Bill Coker, had been engaged to assess the cases.

Wg Cdr Coker said until now he had been dealing with the cases only on two days a week. However, after Mr George said the issue should be taken more seriously by the MoD, Vice-Admiral Revell said the assessment process would be speeded up. Wg Cdr Coker would soon start handling the cases full-time and he might be allocated another doctor to assist with clearing the backlog of patients.

Former servicemen and women who claim they are plagued by the syndrome are having to wait up to eight months for examinations. The MoD will not reveal the nature of five or six of the vaccinations because it does not want potential enemies to know what British troops can be protected against.

Sufferers are angry that they have to travel from all over the country to the Princess Alexandra's Hospital at RAF Wroughton, Oxfordshire, for tests.

## SHEEHAN on BRIDGE

BY ROBERT SHEEHAN, BRIDGE CORRESPONDENT

A friend asked me to do a refresher column on leads. Whole books have been written on the subject, so obviously I can hardly cover it all in one column. Also it is important to realise that on many hands the lead may be a complete guess.

However, there are some general principles. What would you lead from each of the following hands; (a) after the sequence 1NT-3NT, (b) after the sequence One Spade-Three Spades-Four Spades?

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | ♠ 984 | ♥ QJ10 | ♦ KJ984 | ♣ 32 |
| 2 | ♠ 973 | ♥ 862 | ♦ 65432 | ♣ 63 |
| 3 | ♠ 73 | ♥ AKJ. | ♦ 53 | ♣ J97654 |
| 4 | ♠ 865 | ♥ Q1085 | ♦ A432 | ♣ Q2 |

1 (a) Against 3NT you should try to set up your long suit. Lead the fourth highest diamond (the eight).

(b) When you are blessed with a sequence like Q J 10, that is usually the best lead against a suit contract — it starts to set up tricks for the defence, and it is safe. So lead the queen of hearts against Four Spades — always the *top* from a sequence.

2 (a) For once you don't lead from your longest when you have no chance of running your suit. It is a toss-up between a heart or a spade — what you are trying to do is start developing your partner's long suit. Whichever you choose, you should lead the middle of the three, and play the top on the next round — called "MUD", for middle-up-down, the normal convention from three small cards in this country.

(b) Against Four Spades I would try a club, hoping to get a ruff.

3 (a) Again the lead against 3NT is the six of clubs — "fourth highest from your longest". Only consider (and frequently reject) those extra two words "and strongest" if you have the same length in two suits.

(b) Against Four Spades lead the ace of hearts — top from a sequence, remember, including ace-king.

4 (a) The five of hearts is clearly right against 3NT — you hope to get in with the ace of diamonds later to cash heart tricks. Notice that in terms of point count the diamond suit is stronger. However, the intermediates in the heart suit are much stronger, and you need less from your partner to set up the suit

(b) Against Four Spades, close between a non-committal trump and the five of hearts.

## KEENE on CHESS

BY RAYMOND KEENE
CHESS CORRESPONDENT

### Fleeing king

The Russian grandmaster Eduard Gufeld, who lost so spectacularly against Julian Hodgson in the game I published in this column on Monday, also has numerous adventurous wins to his credit.

This game, where both kings are in jeopardy, and the white monarch is chased right across the board, is one of his more fiery efforts.

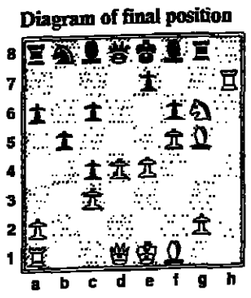
**White:** Cooper
**Black:** Gufeld
Hastings 1992-93

**Trompovsky Attack**

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 1 | d4 | Nf6 |
| 2 | Bg5 | Ne4 |
| 3 | Bf4 | d5 |
| 4 | f3 | Nf6 |
| 5 | Nc3 | e6 |
| 6 | e4 | Be7 |
| 7 | Qd2 | 0-0 |
| 8 | 0-0-0 | a6 |
| 9 | exd5 | exd5 |
| 10 | g4 | b5 |
| 11 | h4 | b4 |
| 12 | Nce2 | a5 |
| 13 | Ng3 | a4 |
| 14 | Kb1 | Nc6 |
| 15 | g5 | Ne8 |
| 16 | h5 | b3 |
| 17 | a3 | Nd6 |
| 18 | c3 | Na5 |
| 19 | Bd3 | Ndc4 |
| 20 | Bxh7+ | Kxh7 |
| 21 | g6+ | Kg8 |
| 22 | Qh2 | Bg5 |
| 23 | h6 | gxh6 |
| 24 | g7 | Re8 |
| 25 | N1e2 | Ra6 |
| 26 | Rdg1 | Qf6 |
| 27 | Ne4 | dxe4 |
| 28 | Bxg5 | Qxf3 |
| 29 | Bxh6 | Nxa3+ |
| 30 | Ka1 | Qd3 |
| 31 | Nf4 | Nc2+ |
| 32 | Kb1 | Na3+ |
| 33 | Ka1 | Nc2+ |
| 34 | Kb1 | a3 |
| 35 | Nxd3 | a2+ |
| 36 | Kc1 | a1Q+ |
| 37 | Kd2 | Nc4+ |
| 38 | Ke2 | exd3+ |
| 39 | Kf3 | Bb7+ |
| 40 | Kg3 | Rg6+ |
| 41 | Bg5 | Re3+ |
| 42 | Kg4 | Rxg5+ |
| 43 | Kf4 | Re4+ |

Black resigns

**Diagram of final position**



After 44 Kxg5 Qa5+ 45 Kh6 Re6+ forces checkmate.

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## Croats accused of prolonging war misery on streets of crumbling Bosnian town

# Euro mayor struggles to bridge Mostar divide



*William Shawcross in Mostar argues that the Bosnian Croats are frustrating attempts by the EU administrator to reunite the town*

SIX months ago, the European Union took over the administration of this once-beautiful medieval Bosnian town. But Mostar, torn apart in a few months of intercommunal fighting a year ago, remains in ruins and its people disunited.

The cycle of destruction has been halted, but further repairs seem to depend on the wider political dramas in the former Yugoslavia and on the energies of one man — Hans Koschnik.

The former Mayor of Bremen is the EU-appointed Mayor of Mostar. He has become an almost mythical figure in the town, the man in whom all hopes repose.

Old men in black woollen bonnets and blue overalls, clearing up the debris of the shelling on the Muslim side, say they are "working for Koschnik". Young women who try to cross from one side of Mostar to the other say that they "rely on Koschnik". Politicians on both sides of the river say they talk to each other "because of Koschnik". The Mayor's remit is to arrange democratic elections, guarantee human rights, help citizens of Mostar return to their homes, and ensure the national, religious and cultural identity of all people under EU administration. To these ends, the Union has invested 30 million ecus (£23.6 million) last year and 80 million ecus this year to rebuild the town and reunite its people. However, the bitterness between the two sides and uncertainty over the future is making the task rather hard.

The most obvious problem is the breakdown of law and order, especially in the west, and the inability of the EU to create a joint police force.

Before the war, Mostar was almost a paradigm of a mixed population. Of its 127,000 people, 35 per cent were Muslim, 34 per cent Croat and 19 per cent Serb.

They had the highest rate of mixed marriage in Bosnia-Herzegovina. There were roughly defined territorial divisions and in the middle of the town was the Neretva river, tumbling through a narrow gorge.

In May 1993, a year after the war began in Bosnia, Croat-Muslim fighting began in Mostar after the Bosnian Croats declared the town their capital. Croats in what became known as west Mostar subjected Muslims in the east to a ten-month siege. Croat artillery attacks on houses in the east forced the inhabitants to huddle in cellars. They became dependent on aid from the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR).

The Croats expelled most of the Muslims who lived in the west across the dangerous strip of no man's land and the river. Hundreds were killed. In perhaps the most blatant act of destruction, Croat gunners in November 1993 brought down the arched stone bridge which linked the two sides of the town. The demolition served as a visual symbol of the political, religious and ethnic divisions that had turned former neighbours into warring enemies.

Last March, the Washington Agreement created a Croat-Muslim Bosnian Federation, and brought an end to the fighting in Mostar. But the apparent peace did not remove the effects of the fighting. The east side's 55,000 Muslims, many of them refugees from other parts of Bosnia, remained crammed into cellars, with no water or electricity, dependent on UN handouts and forbidden from crossing to the Croat side. The EU then began to administer the town. Germany, with its historic ties with Croatia, took the lead. But Herr Koschnik's arrival was delayed by disruptive behaviour by Greece, which held the presidency of the EU and was favouring its old Serb allies. Even when Germany took over the presidency in the second half of last year, it proved hard to get money out of the European bureaucracy.



East Mostar, where 55,000 Muslims remain without water or electricity and depend on UN handouts

Even more dangerous has been local opposition to any reconciliation. Soon after Herr Koschnik's arrival, a rocket-propelled grenade was fired by Croats through his bedroom window. Fortunately he was not in the room.

Along with his multinational European staff, Herr Koschnik lives close to the west bank of the Neretva river, in a comfortable, though not luxurious, hotel. While I was there, his senior staff hosted a regular dinner for Muslim and Croat leaders which included three hours of sterile argument over who was to blame for the failure to get the electricity and water systems working properly. In east Mostar, 80 per cent of the power system was destroyed.

Of the two sides, the Muslims have clearly suffered the worse, but both sides are becoming more intransigent. East Mostar is run by the main Muslim party, the SDA, and the west by the Croatian HDZ. Both are hardline.

The EU has been unable to get the two sides to agree on a unified police force. As a result, criminal gangs rule. Vehicles, particularly the four-wheel-drive versions favoured by aid agencies, are being stolen almost constantly.

On the east bank, Safet Orucevic, the Muslim Mayor, thinks the Croat authorities on the other bank deliberately keep the gangs going. "They want to keep two Mostars, and they hide behind the mafias, who are not normal crooks but are the people who until recently were doing the 'ethnic cleansing'," he said.

The 120 EU policemen have a mandate to co-ordinate, train and monitor, but not to make arrests. Of different nationalities, they are by all accounts poorly led, and absurdly circumscribed. The Spanish Battalion of the UN Protection Force (Unprofor) is also widely regarded as a joke.

However, both sides acknowledge that things would have been far worse without the EU. In the streets of east Mostar, old men clear the rubble from lovely old buildings now open to the sky. A German aid agency has brought in roofing materials. Some shops, including a pharmacy, are now open. Almost everyone still depends on handouts from the UNHCR and EU. Last September, British army engineers constructed a Bailey bridge, but movement between Croat and Muslim areas is still restricted to 250 people a day, all of whom have to have special permits.

The Croats show no sign of wishing to reintegrate the town. Herr Koschnik has demanded an end to the eviction of Muslims from flats in the west. However, urban renewal of this kind cannot be imposed. Much depends on whether the Croat-Muslim Federation, which enabled the EU to come to Mostar in the first place, survives.

Herr Koschnik, a diligent and dedicated man, says: "If the Croats take the view that a unified city is not wanted, then the EU's mission has no point any more. We are not just in Mostar to rebuild, we are here to bring people together."



Koschnik: battling for ethnic reconciliation

☐ **Moscow:** Russia said yesterday that the peacekeeping mission to Bosnia by Jimmy Carter, the former American President, had worsened prospects for a lasting peace settlement by hardening the positions of the Bosnian Serbs and the Muslims, the Interfax news agency reported.

The comments, by a senior Russian offical, were reported on the eve of a visit to Moscow by Haris Silajdzic, the Bosnian Prime Minister.

The unnamed official said that Russia would not resume contacts with the Bosnian Serbs, which were severed last year, unless they accepted the five-nation Contact Group's plan. *(Reuter)*

# How sniper shots do not break ceasefire

BY EVE-ANN PRENTICE, DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

SHOOTING a civilian in Sarajevo is not counted as a ceasefire violation unless the United Nations can prove that the attacker was from one warring faction and the victim from another, the UN said yesterday.

Shootings are logged as "firing incidents" but, because they are not included in reports of ceasefire violations, the truce is often portrayed as generally holding even when Sarajevans are running the gauntlet of snipers, aid workers said. Yesterday, for instance, the UN acknowledged two ceasefire violations in the whole of Bosnia when artillery shells exploded in Bosnian Government-held territory in the northeast. There were, however, at least 60 "firing incidents" in Sarajevo.

A ceasefire violation "is where there is direct targeting of one side by another, and this can be proved by us", said Alexander Ivanko, a spokesman for the UN Protection Force in Sarajevo. The criteria for proof was when UN observers "see [or can discover by investigation] where the shot was coming from".


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# Berlusconi faces charge over soccer transfer

FROM JOHN PHILLIPS IN ROME

THE judicial woes of Silvio Berlusconi, the former Italian Prime Minister, were compounded yesterday after he was placed under investigation with his brother Paolo on charges of financial irregularities with regard to the signing of a player to his AC Milan football team.

The charges relate to the acquisition of Gianfranco Lentini during Signor Berlusconi's chairmanship of the leading club. The allegations came as Lamberto Dini, his successor as Prime Minister, easily won a vote of confidence for his Government of technocrats in the Italian Senate, the Upper House of parliament.

The football allegations come after other charges under which Signor Berlusconi was accused of corruption on suspicion of bribing tax inspectors who were investigating his Fininvest media holding company.

The Senate vote allowed Signor Dini, a former central banker, to assume full powers after his Government survived a confidence test in the Chamber of Deputies, the Lower House, last week. In a speech before the vote, Signor Dini, the Treasury Minister in the outgoing Government headed by Signor Berlusconi, which collapsed in December, appealed for a period of political truce. "The moderate tone and measured language used in this debate are essential for the development of a climate of political tolerance and successful functioning of democratic institutions," he said.

Francesco Saverio Borrelli, the chief prosecutor of the Milan magistrates investigating Italy's three-year corruption scandal, did not want to comment on the possible new charges against the former Prime Minister. "Your curiosity is inappropriate until you have confirmation from the computerised list of the accused," he said. Signor Borrelli denied that Signor Berlusconi had received a new judicial warning that he was under investigation on suspicion of committing a crime.

But *Il Messaggero* newspaper commented: "The very caution of the magistrate, which is substantially equivalent to a confirmation, has accelerated the suspicions and the rumours."

Signor Dini obtained the support of leftwingers, centrists and the devolutionist Northern League, winning the crucial vote in the Senate by 191 to 17 with two abstentions after only 210 of the 325 senators took part in the ballot.

The centre-right Freedom Alliance coalition of Signor Berlusconi opted not to participate. The coalition formally abstained in the confidence vote in the Lower House last week, but a similar abstention yesterday would have counted as a "no" vote under Senate rules. The Freedom Alliance plans to support Signor Dini's four-point programme issue by issue while continuing to seek an early general elections, which it regards as essential.



Berlusconi: inquiry into AC Milan's finances



Death row: the central boulevard in Grozny, the capital of breakaway Chechenia, devastated by weeks of Russian artillery attacks

# Russian revenge raid 'kills 20' in village

FROM SEBASTIAN SMITH IN SAMASHKI

THE Russian army surrounded and devastated Samashki in western Chechenia in a calculated punishment attack, residents said yesterday.

The village of 14,000 people was hit by cannon, rocket and helicopter fire on Tuesday after independence fighters fought off a Russian column trying to enter the village on Monday.

"They surrounded us, coming right up to the outskirts of the village, and started to hammer the centre for five hours — then the helicopters came," said Yaragi Betmarsayev, 45. No one knew just how many people were killed, but most estimates put the toll at 20.

"On our street two people were killed," Mr Betmarsayev said. "There were four more down there, and in the next street not a house was left untouched." A shell made a direct hit on a fragile basement, piercing the concrete and starting a fire inside, where a mother and daughter had been hiding.

The woman's legs were blown off and she died from loss of blood, because it was impossible to get her through the Russian lines to the hospital, neighbours said.

"I was just walking home when they opened up with shells and I was hit," said Akhmedov Abiyev, 28, taken to hospital with a shrapnel wound to the chest.

Shrapnel holes the size of fists pocked the brick walls. Gaping holes punctured roof after roof and gas pipes burned. A truck was incinerated, a car was peppered with hundreds of machinegun bullet holes or shrapnel punctures. Jagged shell fragments littered the ground in places, and in one garden the remains of a Grad multiple rocket lay in the mud. An old woman stood weeping outside her small house, its roof caved in. A deaf man wandered about his farmyard, tending chickens, apparently oblivious to the destruction along his entire street.

Witnesses said the Russians fired from midday to dusk, then pulled back to their positions a mile or two across the flat fields. "The wounded who had to get out could not, so they died," said Malika Khaskhavnova, a nurse at the Achkhoi Martan hospital, five miles from Samashki.

On Monday, about 16 Russian armoured personnel carriers and a light tank tried to enter the village, but were confronted by a hail of Chechen anti-tank grenade fire. About 30 Chechen guerrillas were seen taking up positions at a bridge outside the village to ambush the flank of the column, which




was apparently part of an armoured division recently sent to the breakaway Caucasus republic.

On Tuesday, a Red Cross team came to take the bodies of Russian soldiers killed in the botched assault back to the nearest Russian post. About an hour later, the massive Russian force closed in, bombarded the village and withdrew.

"We really gave it to them on Monday, then they did this against the civilian population. Still, we'll keep fighting," said Issa Besengurov, 23. However, Mr Betmarsayev pleaded for an end to the vengeful attacks.

"This is not war, this is extermination," he said. "It's not against the Chechen leader, General Dzhokhar Dudayev, it's not against armed bandits, it's against the people. Leave us in peace."

☐ Dudayev warrant: Moscow last night issued an arrest warrant for General Dudayev. Russia's chief prosecutor accused the rebel leader of treason and incitement to terrorism.

A Chechen spokesman, quoted by the independent Interfax news agency, said that General Dudayev was still at his military headquarters in Grozny, several hundred yards from the front line separating the Russian forces and the Chechen defenders. Ten days ago, the Russian authorities said that they had launched a manhunt for the general. *(AFP)*

# Sweden calls for halt to UN veto

BY MICHAEL BINYON
DIPLOMATIC EDITOR

BRITAIN and the other permanent members of the United Nations should refrain from using their veto in the Security Council except in exceptional circumstances so that in ten years this power could be dropped altogether, Ingvar Carlsson, the Swedish Prime Minister, told John Major yesterday.

He also called for the immediate entry of five new permanent members and three more rotating members to bring the council strength up to 23. This would correct the unrepresentative nature of a body built around preserving the power of the five victorious nations of 1945.

Presenting the report on the Commission on Global Governance, of which he is co-chairman, Mr Carlsson gave Mr Major a list of proposals that the Commission, originally set up by the late Willy Brandt, believes will improve international co-operation and global security. Before yesterday evening's meeting, he detailed the main findings in a speech to the Royal Institute of International Affairs.

Mr Carlsson said the UN was showing signs of age after 50 years. He called for a standing UN volunteer force of well-trained peacekeepers who could respond quickly to calls for their deployment. Agencies such as the UN Conference on Trade and Development and the UN Industrial Development Organisation, no longer needed, should be abolished.

The Swedish leader also insisted on amendments to the UN Charter to allow intervention in areas where there were serious humanitarian crises, such as Rwanda, Haiti and Chechenia. "The time has come for the international community to assert its rights and interests in situations within states where the security of people is grievously violated," he said. Too often regimes had violated their people's rights and rebuffed international concern by using the principle of non-interference.


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NEWS IN BRIEF

## Peru vows to pull back tanks

**Buenos Aires:** President Menem of Argentina said he was confident that, having spoken to the Presidents of Peru and Ecuador, their border conflict would end soon.

The Argentine leader, whose country is one of four guarantors of the 1942 Rio de Janeiro protocol, which sought to settle the frontier dispute, said he was assured by President Fujimori of Peru "that he would immediately begin the withdrawal of tanks". *(Reuter)*

## Ten in court

**Phnom Penh:** Ten men appeared in court in connection with the ambush and killing of Susan Hadden, an American tourist, and Vun Thy, her guide, in northwestern Cambodia last month. *(AFP)*

## MP jailed

**Brussels:** Jean-Pierre Van Rossem, the millionaire Belgian parliamentarian, was jailed in his absence for five years on charges of fraud. He has parliamentary immunity from arrest. *(Reuter)*

## 'Ritual' trial

**Harare:** Three people appeared in court in Masvingo, eastern Zimbabwe, on attempted murder charges after allegedly abducting a child to cut out her heart for tribal rites. *(AP)*

## Euthanasia law

**Sydney:** Marshall Perron, the Chief Minister of Australia's Northern Territory, is to introduce a bill to legalise voluntary euthanasia for terminally ill people. *(Reuter)*

## Burma attack

**Bangkok:** Troops of the Burmese military junta used artillery and small arms fire in an operation to try to crush the three remaining rebel strongholds along a stretch of the Burmese-Thai border. *(AP)*

## Stage star dies

**Miami Beach:** George Abbott, 107, the actor and director who created *Damn Yankees*, and worked in more than 120 stage shows, has died. *(AFP)*

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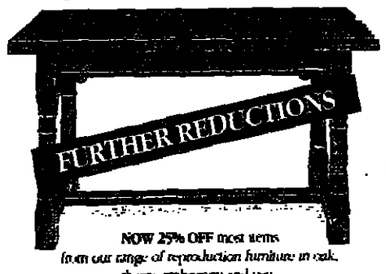

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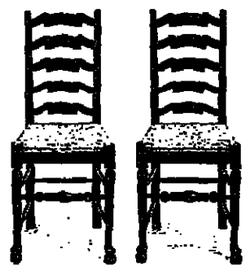


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# Clinton 'displays weakness' in plan to bolster Mexico

FROM MARTIN FLETCHER IN WASHINGTON AND DAVID ADAMS IN MIAMI

PRESIDENT CLINTON yesterday won the confidence of the markets with Tuesday's bold decision to bypass an intransigent Congress and act unilaterally to rescue the Mexican peso, but the political implications have only just begun to sink in.

The Administration trumpeted Mr Clinton's decision to assist Mexico, despite overwhelming public and congressional opposition, as a example of strong presidential leadership. His action was "courageous and decisive", said Robert Rubin, the Treasury Secretary. But critics countered that President Clinton's failure to win even the support of congressional Democrats for the $40 billion (£25.6 billion) in loan guarantees to Mexico he had originally proposed showed his extreme political weakness.

For 18 days, Mr Clinton's top officials had paraded around Capitol Hill, warning of dire consequences for American jobs and exports if Congress refused to approve the loan guarantees. Far from diminishing opposition to the guarantees, it grew.

Equally important, Newt Gingrich and Robert Dole, the new Republican leaders of Congress who supported the guarantees, proved unwilling or unable to rally their troops either, particularly without Democratic cover. The message is that the President can no longer persuade Congress to agree with him even on issues of significant international consequence, and that populism and isolationism are now very powerful forces on Capitol Hill.

Nobody was crowing louder yesterday than Pat Buchanan, the ultimate Republican populist. He opposed "Mexico II", as Mr Clinton's contingency plan has been christened, and was elated by Congress's rejection of "Mexico I".

"Not since Senate rejection of the League of Nations has our power elite suffered such a rout as it has on the $40 billion Mexican bailout," he said. "Economic nationalism has just scored a stunning upset."

The hostility to "Mexico I" speaks eloquently of the new mood of anger and suspicion in the American heartlands. The loan guarantees would have rescued the country's third-largest trading partner at no cost to the taxpayer, but Americans were convinced the move was designed to bail out Wall Street and an incompetent foreign government. Polls showed 70 to 80 per cent of Americans opposed them. A new Congress, elected on the back of a popular revolt against the old political establishment, dutifully followed the public will.

There must now be serious doubts over Mr Clinton's ability to win congressional support for further aid to Russia, new free trade accords, the use of American troops in international peacekeeping operations, or a host of other international commitments.

For the time being, however, the President is enjoying some rare praise for his decisiveness. The consensus of the "media elite" was that he had done the right thing, and most congressmen were too relieved at avoiding a vote on such a contentious issue to do much complaining. That would, of course, change in an instant if Mr Clinton's new plan were to go wrong in a few months' time. He has defied Congress and the people, and he and his party would pay a very heavy price in the campaign for next year's presidential race.



Buchanan: elated at defeat of "power elite"

In Mexico, euphoria swept the financial markets after Mr Clinton's move.

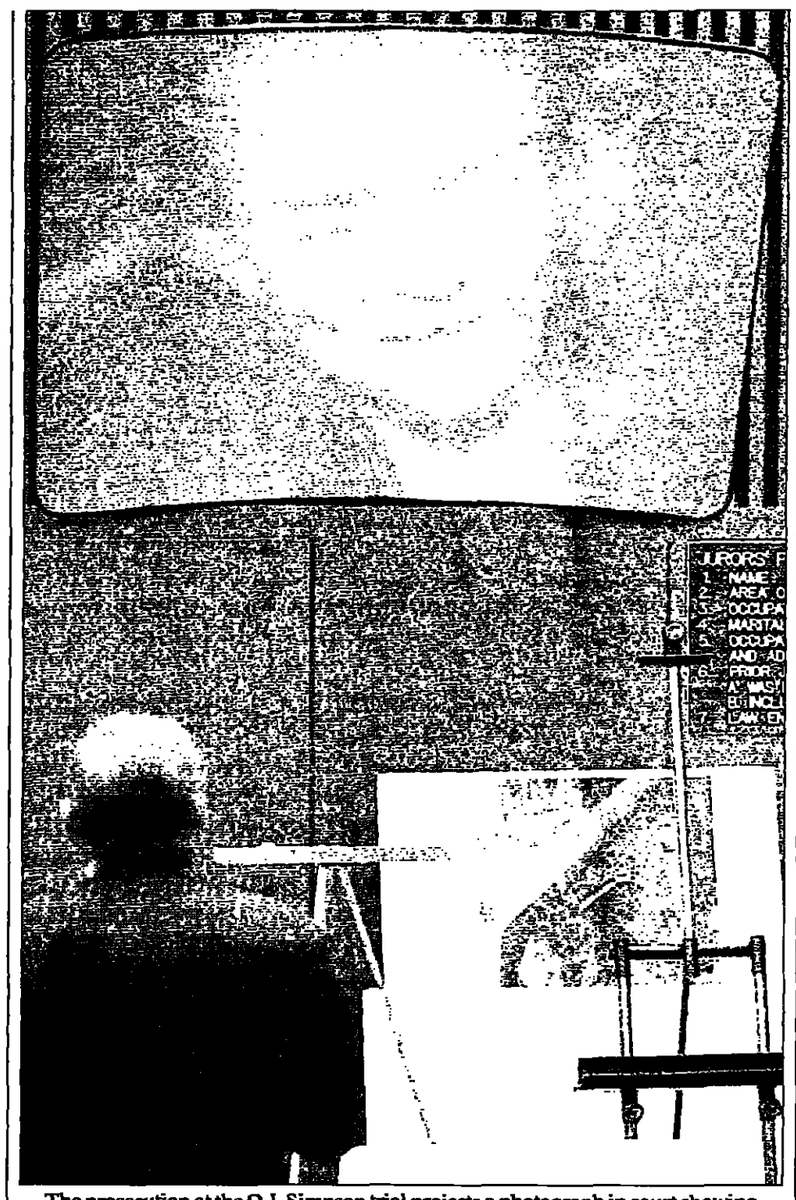
"It seems to be working well," said one European diplomat in Mexico City, referring to the loan package. "It has removed the uncertainty. Now the hard work is going to begin."

Mexican and American officials admitted that the bailout had come in the nick of time as Mexico, with its foreign currency reserves seriously depleted, stood dangerously close to defaulting on its large debt. "If it had not come today, I dread to think what would have happened," said one financial analyst in Mexico City.

Mexican markets surged for a second day yesterday as both the peso and the Mexico City stock exchange recovered the ground lost during a disastrous day of trading on Monday. Since the peso began its plunge before Christmas it has lost 45 per cent of its value, dropping from 3.4 against the dollar in December to Monday's record low of 6.3.

On Tuesday, the peso closed up nearly 9 per cent at 5.75, and the stock market gained 195 points, a rise of more than 10 per cent, easily its best day since the five-week crisis began. Yesterday it stood at 5.4 to the dollar in early trading.

The loans, which include a $50 billion mix of American money, as well as large chunks of aid from the International Monetary Fund and other lending institutions, do not come without strings attached. At the very least, this will require austere financial discipline on the part of Mexico, as well as sensitive political discussions with Washington on issues such as drug control and immigration.



The prosecution at the O.J. Simpson trial projects a photograph in court showing facial injuries Nicole Brown Simpson received from the former soccer star in 1989

# O.J. Simpson jurors told of former beating incident

FROM ASSOCIATED PRESS IN LOS ANGELES

PROSECUTORS at the O.J. Simpson trial used a 1989 beating incident to launch their case yesterday.

The first three witnesses were a police telephone operator who took Nicole Brown Simpson's call and two officers who investigated the case. Mr Simpson eventually pleaded no contest and was sentenced to probation for beating his then wife.

As giant photos of a bruised Ms Simpson were projected on a courtroom screen, Detective John Edwards told jurors that she had emerged from bushes wearing only a bra and muddy sweatpants and collapsed in his arms in the darkness, crying, "He's going to kill me!"

"I said, 'Who's going to kill you?'" recalled Mr Edwards, who was a patrol officer responding to the call. "She said, 'O.J.'

"I said, 'O.J. who? You mean the football player?'

"She said, 'Yes, O.J. Simpson, the football player.'"

Detective Edwards described Ms Simpson's beaten face, cut left lip and bruised forehead. "She said there was two other women living in the house and that O.J. Simpson had sex with one of them prior to going to bed that night with her," Mr Edwards said, adding that he asked for no names.

He also told of a truculent Mr Simpson who emerged from the house in his bathrobe, berated his wife and fled in his blue Bentley rather than face arrest.

"He seemed very furious," Mr Edwards told jurors. "He said, 'I don't want that woman in my bed anymore. I've got two other women. I don't want that woman in my bed anymore.'"

Mr Simpson appeared surprised by Mr Edwards's testimony. He laughed and shook his head. In cross-examination, the defence provided the information that a maid and a nanny lived at Mr Simpson's house.

Judge Lance Ito allowed another witness, Ronald Shipp, to testify before the jury about Mr Simpson's relationship with Ms Simpson. Mr Shipp is a retired police officer.

Mr Simpson is charged with killing his ex-wife and her friend, Ron Goldman. He pleads not guilty.

# Speedy summit called to save peace process

FROM CHRISTOPHER WALKER IN JERUSALEM

IN a high-profile attempt to revive the Middle East peace process, the leaders of Israel, Egypt, Jordan and the Palestine Liberation Organisation will hold an unprecedented four-way summit in Cairo today.

The speed and secrecy with which the meeting was organised underlined the gravity of the situation 17 months after the signing of the Israeli-PLO accord, now opposed by most Israelis. Escalating Islamic suicide attacks and expanding Jewish settlements have plunged the peace talks into a crisis that only drastic diplomatic surgery can resolve.

As details of the summit were being announced by Amr Moussa, Egypt's Foreign Minister, the Israeli Government was digesting the findings of a new Gallup Poll which showed over 67 per cent of adult Israelis favour either postponing talks with the PLO — as advocated by President Weizman — or scrapping them altogether — as demanded by the opposition Likud Party.

Since last October, 54 Jews have been killed and scores wounded by Islamic suicide bombers. That includes 21 killed in the double-explosion nearly two weeks ago that has become a watershed in the peace process.

Israeli anger, which has spilt over into scores of right-wing street demonstrations at which Yitzhak Rabin, the Prime Minister, has been denounced as a man with "Arab blood", has been matched by fury on the Palestinian side at Israel's determination to breach the spirit of the Oslo accord by continuing with the rapid construction of thousands of new Jewish homes on occupied Arab land seized in 1967.

In addition to Mr Rabin, who yesterday clashed with his Housing Minister, Binyamin Ben-Eliezer, about the viability of the peace process, the talks will also involve President Mubarak of Egypt, King Husain of Jordan and Yassir Arafat, the PLO chairman. It is only a week since the Jordanian and Palestinian leaders patched up deep differences with the signature of a series of political and economic accords.

After talks with Mr Mubarak in Cairo yesterday, Shimon Peres, Israel's doveish Foreign Minister, described the four leaders as "a coalition for peace" and in an obvious reference to the main absentee, President Assad of Syria — who was not invited — said that other members were free to join in the future. Mr Moussa said no invitation had been extended to Mr Assad "because we do not want to embarrass him".

Even as the four leaders will be talking about means of implementing stage two of the Israeli-PLO deal — namely Israeli troop withdrawal from much of the West Bank and the staging of delayed Palestinian elections — the security forces in Israel and Egypt will be braced for Islamic violence.

The troubled state of the Middle East peace accord has added diplomatic significance to the visit due to be paid to Israel in mid-March by John Major, only the second British Prime Minister to visit the Jewish state while in office. Senior British sources said yesterday that during the trip, now confirmed for March 12-14, Mr Major hoped to hold talks with Mr Rabin, Mr Peres and Mr Arafat.

"The visit comes at a much more difficult time both for the peace process and for internal Israeli politics than when it was first conceived," a British official said. "The original idea was to show our support for the peace moves. Who knows what will happen in the next few weeks? Mr Major may have to carry messages between the two sides."

# Killer's lawyer claims plagiarism

FROM JAMES BONE IN NEW YORK

THE lawyer of a notorious American serial killer is suing the best-selling writer of legal thrillers, John Grisham, for allegedly plagiarising her autobiography.

Polly Nelson published a book last year entitled *Defending the Devil* about her role in representing Ted Bundy, a good-looking law school dropout executed in Florida in 1989 after confessing to the gruesome murder of 23 women. Ms Nelson claims that Mr Grisham's latest novel, *The Chamber*, copied plot, characters and descriptions from her memoir.

"Each tells exactly the same story — the tale of a new lawyer in an establishment law firm who, to meet her or his own personal needs, volunteers to take on the representation of the most notorious killer on death row," Ms Nelson's lawyer wrote in a letter to Mr Grisham's publisher, Doubleday.

"Mr Grisham must have seen and studied Ms Nelson's manuscript of *The Devil* before completing *The Chamber*. Ms Nelson's lawyer claimed. Mr Grisham's lawyer called the allegations "trash", and said he would ask the judge to dismiss the case.

# Bahrain deports three more Muslim clerics

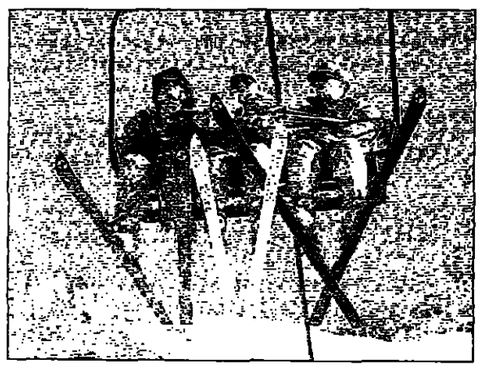
BY MICHAEL BINYON, DIPLOMATIC EDITOR

THREE more Shia Muslim clerics have been deported from Bahrain, accused of supporting Iranian-backed agitation that has led to riots and arrests, according to exiled opposition groups.

Salman al-Shakhoury, 27, was deported to Syria on Tuesday and Murtada Said Abdullah al-Hassan, 34, was deported to Lebanon on Sunday. The two were held at Bahrain airport for four days after returning from Iran. The London-based Bahrain Freedom Movement said a third, Abdul-Rida al-Alaali, 42, was deported to Lebanon last week.

Meanwhile, the Foreign Office yesterday said that British doctors had confirmed that Major Safa al-Battat, an Iraqi officer who fled to Britain, had been poisoned with thallium in what officials said was part of a pattern of terrorism against his own people by Saddam Hussein. Major Battat is now in a Cardiff hospital.

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# Murayama recants on Japanese role in Korea split

FROM GWEN ROBINSON IN TOKYO

ANGRY protests this week in the Japanese Diet over a proposal to apologise for Japan's aggression in the Second World War have deepened the bitter debate over the issue of war guilt.

Remarks by Tomiichi Murayama, the Prime Minister, over Japan's role in the division of Korea added to the controversy on Tuesday, when he was forced to retract his earlier statement that Japan was "partly responsible" for the postwar division of the Korean peninsula.

However, following complaints by conservatives in his ruling coalition, Mr Murayama yesterday said that Japan "bears no responsibility for Korea's division".

The history of Japan's brutal colonisation of Korea is a source of fierce argument between right and left-wing politicians and historians. Mr Murayama, who is leader of the Socialist Party, is now being criticised by rank-and-file Socialists for bending to conservative pressure.

"This hasty turnaround has reminded the Japanese that they may have a Socialist Prime Minister, but the ultra-conservatives are firmly in control," said a political commentator. In spite of the growing resistance to apologising for Japan's wartime deeds, some pacifists have called on the Government to show contrition and even compensate victims of Japanese brutality in the war.

More than 140 conservative MPs on Tuesday formed a council to fight the proposal to issue an apology. The council constitutes nearly half the MPs in the Liberal Democratic Party, the largest member of the three-party ruling coalition. The council declared that an apology would "open the floodgates" to compensation claims.

The two themes are central to the philosophy of Shintaro Ishihara, one of the most conservative members of the LDP and author of many ultra-nationalist tracts. Mr Ishihara insists that Japan has fully dealt with all matters related to its war records. Claims for compensation, such as the one filed in Tokyo this week by a British-led mission of former allied prisoners of war, "should not be given any legitimacy", he said.

One of Mr Ishihara's central arguments is that no other country has had to apologise for wars it fought.

"In Indonesia, until Japan started the war, the Dutch were in control for 200 years and many people were killed. Has that been forgotten? Look what Britain did in India and China among other places, but no one mentions that."

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Murayama: changed statement

# Critical human rights report sours US-Peking relations

FROM TOM RHODES IN WASHINGTON

**RELATIONS between Peking and Washington were soured further yesterday by a US State Department report concluding that the past year had seen no improvement in China's human rights record.**

**The document is a setback to the Clinton Administration's 16-month policy of embracing rather than isolating China and accompanies disputes with Peking over its export of weapons technology, trade practices, and an upgrading of American contacts with Taiwan.**

**"In 1994, there continued to be widespread and well-documented human rights abuses in China, in violation of internationally accepted norms, stemming both from the authorities' intolerance of dissent and the inadequacy of legal safeguards for freedom of speech, association and religion," the report says. "Abuses include arbitrary and lengthy incommunicado detention, torture and mistreatment of prisoners."**

**It had been a priority of the US Administration that China should open talks with Tibet's spiritual leader, the Dalai Lama. The report notes, however, that Chinese authorities have forbidden even the display or sale of his photograph.**



Dalai Lama: his photo forbidden in Tibet

**The report also accused Russia of a string of rights violations, including the overuse of force in breakaway Chechenia, dismal prison conditions, police beatings and cruelty towards military recruits.**

**Among its conclusions on other countries are:**

**☐ Iraq: An abysmal record did not improve. There were mass executions of political opponents and widespread use of torture.**

**☐ Turkey: The human rights situation worsened, with police using torture and excessive force.**

**☐ Iran: Abuses include arbitrary arrests and detentions, torture and killings.**

**☐ Indonesia: Still strongly authoritarian despite a surface adherence to democratic forms.**

# Russia vows to pressure UN on easing of Iraq sanctions

FROM RICHARD BEESTON IN MOSCOW

RUSSIA has delivered a clear message to President Saddam Hussein of Iraq that it will support lifting the five-year embargo against Baghdad when the present sanctions are due for review by the United Nations this spring.

In a move that is likely to strain Moscow's relations with Washington and London, senior figures in the Kremlin have assured an emissary of the Iraqi leader that Russia is determined that sanctions should be eased.

Saadi Mehdi Saaleh, the Iraqi Speaker of Parliament, said in Moscow yesterday that he had found widespread support for Iraq among Russian leaders during his three-day visit .

"In the course of my meetings with Russian premier Viktor Chernomyrdin and the state Duma (parliament) Speaker Ivan Rybkin, the Russian party expressed its readiness to encourage the lifting of sanctions against Baghdad," he said. He added that the Vladimir Zhirinovsky, the Russian ultra-nationalist leader, had an open invitation to visit Iraq.

The sanctions issue is expected to come up again in April when Rolf Ekeus, the chairman of the UN Special Commission on Iraq, is due to report back on Baghdad's compliance with UN resolutions. Among the permanent members of the UN Security Council, Russia, France and China favour easing sanctions against Iraq, while Britain and the US want the embargo to stay in place.

Russia believes that Iraq has fulfilled its obligations under UN resolutions concerning the destruction and monitoring of weapons of mass destruction. Last year it persuaded Iraq officially to recognise Kuwait's sovereignty and now it has offered to help Iraq clear up the final obstacle, the fate of about 300 captured Kuwaiti servicemen.

"Today Iraq has recognised all resolutions and Kuwait's borders," said Mr Rybkin. "Our position has no bitterness and we intend to help Iraq to overcome its difficult situation."

Not surprisingly, Russia stands to gain most from Iraq's return to the community of nations. Baghdad owes Moscow about £5 billion in unpaid debts. Russia has also been manoeuvring to secure a key role in the planned multi-billion-pound reconstruction programme for the oil rich nation.

Viktor Posyvalyuk, the Russian Deputy Foreign Minister, confirmed that Russian was already negotiating concrete projects for the energy industry, construction, medical services and other fields.

# Holland on verge of catastrophe as dykes crumble

FROM WOLFGANG MÜNCHAU IN NIJMEGEN

THE NETHERLANDS was yesterday battling against time and a rising flood tide amid the first signs that the dykes around the river Waal were crumbling.

Ed d'Hondt, the Mayor of Nijmegen, last night put the risk of a large-scale flood catastrophe at 50 per cent. Mr d'Hondt, who co-ordinates the emergency efforts in the Gelderland region, said that "the risk will remain the same for the following days. It will depend on the climatological changes and the level of the water".

A collapse of the dykes in even one place would expose most of the country's mid-section to flooding of up to 19½ft. The Dutch authorities yesterday extended the emergency zone for the first time to the north of the river Waal after the dyke in Ochten, twelve miles west of Nijmegen, almost collapsed. The police ordered the immediate evacuation of the 1,500 villagers, the latest in the growing number of Dutch flood refugees. Peter Bekker, a spokesman for Nijmegen police, yesterday described the situation in Ochten as "serious, though under control".

At a width of several miles, the Waal, one of the two Dutch arms of the Rhine, currently bears more resemblance to the Amazon or the Mississippi than to a continental European river. The potential for greatest damage to the environment and property remains at the south of the Waal, to the east of Nijmegen. Near the village of Ooij, a dyke began to leak, leading to the build-up of a small lake on the "dry" side.

While the dykes are all sufficiently high, the danger is from water undermining their stability from underneath. Dykes are made of sand and clay and act like a sponge, absorbing water. The longer the exposure, the greater the risk of collapse.

Emergency workers at Ooij tried to repair the crumbling dykes with sandbags, which have become scarce over the past few days. The Dutch Government also deployed F16 fighter planes, which yesterday morning flew over the affected areas to take infra-red photographs in order to assess the extent to which the dykes are waterlogged.

Jan Roelofs, spokesman for the Nijmegen City Council, said that the outlook remained uncertain and serious, adding that the 250,000 evacuees would not be allowed to return to their homes for a week.

The villagers of Ooij left almost nothing behind when they were evacuated, except for some garden gnomes in their front gardens. Marcel Willemsen, the village administrator, said that there was no point in shifting furniture to upper floors since a flood would submerge all the houses in the village up to their chimneys.



Kok: plan to improve standards of dykes

Like most of his compatriots, Mr Willemsen confronted the threat of the flood and the trauma of the evacuation of his family with stoicism. He said that, in a country of which 75 per cent is below sea level, "people have been getting used to the dangers of the water. We always had faith in our dykes, and we still do," he said.

Further west, in the village of Wamel, a handful of men and women defied the evacuation orders and stayed behind. One of them, Sophia Bevelot, 44, lives in a small house with three dogs, three cats and two goats. The ground floor of her house was already a foot under water. "I have nowhere else to go, with all my animals," she said. She denied that she was in any danger, an assertion that was strongly contested by Mr Bekker and the Dutch police, who are furious with anybody who has disobeyed the evacuation order.

One official yesterday gave the statistical probability of a dyke collapse as one in 50 years for an old-fashioned dyke, such as those in Ochten, Wamel or Ooij, compared to one in 1,250 years for a modern dyke. Wim Kok, the Dutch Prime Minister, said that the Government may have to consider a programme to reinforce the dykes to bring them up to modern safety standards, a programme that could take over a decade to implement.

The dykes are the only protection the Dutch have against flooding. The cause of the disaster lies upstream, in the hills of Germany and in the Alps, where unusually mild weather has led to an excessive melt of snow.

The flood has already given rise to cross-border recriminations. Annemarie Jouritsma, the Dutch Transport Minister, said on German radio yesterday that "part of the problem is that the flow of the Rhine has been changed through building work". Experts believe that the speed of the floods has been increased because rivers have been "straightened" in certain sections.

The Dutch estimate the cost of the disaster at between £800 million and £1.2 billion.

☐ **Brussels:** The European Commission agreed yesterday to increase its immediate aid to flood victims to 1.5 million ecus (£1.1 million). Nikolaus van der Pas, a Commission spokesman, said the aid, an increase of 1.2 million ecus on money already pledged, would be directed towards the Red Cross. The Commission had also agreed to study how to deal with cross-border problems such as flooding, and was looking at other ways of helping. *(Reuter)*



Royal concern: Queen Beatrix of The Netherlands visits the flood-stricken city of Venlo yesterday to learn at first hand of residents' plight

# Deluge tests faith of God-fearing farmers

*The windmills have gone, the dykes are failing, the exodus is well under way. **Roger Boyes**, at Millingen on the Dutch-German border, witnesses a community trying to cope as the menacing waters rise*

THE Mayor of Millingen is beginning to feel like the captain of the *Mary Celeste*. The 5,000 inhabitants of Thea de Roos van Rooden's village, close to a crumbling dyke, have fled in a caravan of panic, pianos strapped to car roofs and budgerigar cages bouncing in the laps of weeping children.

Now there is just Mrs van Rooden, as pale and proud as a pioneer wife, her skeleton staff manning the telephone exchange and, outside the town hall, the toing and froing of police patrols who insist that every visitor carries a pass.

Looters are feared, especially by the elderly who are now camping out in school gymnasiums in Nijmegen and Arnhem.

Europe's borders were supposed to open up this year, but not in quite such a graphic, miserable way. "If dykes break and the floods come," says Mrs van Rooden, "you can be sure it will not stop at the frontier". Millingen is only a few miles from Germany, a green border that may soon turn liquid. The local problem is the national one (and indeed may soon gain a European dimension). The medieval dyke in Kekerdom near by holds back the strong, brown and treacherous Waal river.

The gardens of Millingen, usually so carefully cultivated, already resemble bath tubs. Water, pushed by the force of the river, has seeped below the dyke and weakened this one and only defence against flooding. From the top of the Kekerdom dyke you can gauge the impact if the wall should fracture: the water would gush over the red-tiled roofs, to a level of 16-20ft. Not much of the fine oak furniture carried to attics over the past days would survive; it is enough to see the damage already wrought higher up the Rhine in Cologne, where relatively mild flooding has crippled the embankment community. Oil heaters leak into the yellow slime; electric connections are a hazard; lives are disjointed. All this, perhaps more, awaits the polder lands between the lower Rhine, the Waal and the Maas.

"Cows and pigs first," reads an instruction pinned to a shed in Millingen. That sets out priorities for the local community. This land was drained — 100,000 windmills once straddled the polder, propelling water out of the soggy ground, down canals and into the rivers — for farmers, and a God-fearing farmers' terrain it has remained. Cows have not only to be drily housed but also milked. For days the Dutch-German border roads have been choked by livestock transporters. German farmers have offered to look after cattle and have even sent their own trucks. Robert Mulders, a German farmer from Bimmen, just across the border from Millingen, has sent his drivers to help out the Dutch livestock farmers. "Why not? The worse thing that can happen to the vehicles is that they get a bit wet." Churches outside the immediate danger zone are packed with people at prayer. I found a priest praying in a strange church. He was forced to leave his own parish church in Maas village — "I took the Virgin Mary with me but I left St Lambertus to look after himself — his picture is probably high enough to escape the floods." The cardinal of Utrecht has called for nationwide prayers. But will the dykes really be able to resist the colossal force that is building up in the rivers? Most dykes should have been modernised and secured after the floods at Christmas 1993. The only movement has been the establishment of a commission to work out how to deepen and broaden the Maas river.




The Dutch response to the crisis is in sharp contrast to the Germans. The German relationship to nature is bound up with their national identity; rivers, in particular the Rhine, have symbolised continuity and times of political division. Now Germans are wondering whether they have not paid too high a price for progress — too many marshes have been drained for building land, industrial canals have been dug, the rivers corsetted in cement and the rain-absorbing forests allowed to die. The German response seems to be a swing of sympathy towards the Greens, the one party unambiguously committed to natural conservation.

# Brittan wins Euro promotion and pay rise

BY MICHAEL BINYON
DIPLOMATIC EDITOR

THE Foreign Office yesterday warmly welcomed the nomination of Sir Leon Brittan, the senior British commissioner in Brussels, as one of two new vice-presidents of the new Santer Commission. He was chosen by secret ballot among the 20 commissioners and won the most votes.

The promotion will bring him a pay rise of £12,000 on top of his £130,000 salary, and will also add to the weight and prestige of a commissioner who has been one of the most active and respected since he took up his job in Brussels. The other vice-president chosen yesterday was Manuel Marin of Spain.

Before the Maastricht treaty, the large EU member states with two commissioners were each entitled to nominate the senior as a vice-president, and Sir Leon held that title, but this was dropped in 1993. His new appointment is seen in Brussels as a compensation for the rebuff he suffered when he failed to get the East European portfolio in the shareout of Commission jobs late last year. He threatened to resign in protest, but was persuaded by the Government to stay in Brussels with the rump function of running the EU's trade relations with the developed world.

## Princess secrecy costs job

FROM JAMES BONE
IN NEW YORK

THE visit by the Princess of Wales to a paediatric Aids ward in New York has claimed the hospital's chief publicist as a casualty.

Pamela Hamilton was warned by the secret service to keep the visit secret and took the instruction so seriously that she omitted to tell New York's Mayor and other top officials about it.

Even the city's health department chief learnt about it only when he turned on the late-night television news. To make matters worse, he had spent the day in Washington with the director of the Harlem hospital to collect a prize on its behalf.

Despite Ms Hamilton's carefully kept secret, about 40 reporters turned up outside the hospital, which the Princess first toured in 1989. Ms Hamilton was promptly dismissed when Bruce Siegel, president of the city's health department, received a curt call from the Mayor's office asking why he had not been alerted to the Princess's plans.

Health department sources said yesterday was not the first time Ms Hamilton had failed to keep city officials properly informed, but her latest gaffe was "the straw that broke the camel's back". But a health department spokeswoman insisted: "This termination is not about Her Royal Highness's visit to Harlem hospital. In fact, we're extremely honoured that she chose to visit Harlem hospital."

The Princess's first, well-publicised, visit to the hospital was praised for helping to break down public suspicions about Aids patients.


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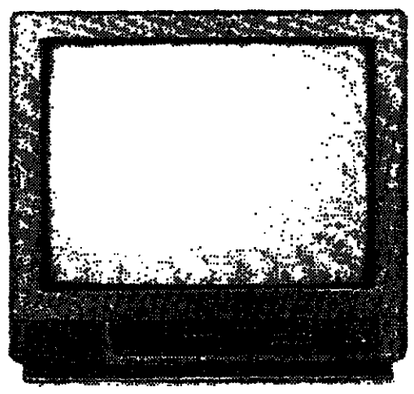
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From the one London school to win praise from the inspectors comes a simple message — poor teaching is just a waste of time

# Lesson one from the Graveney bible

The bad news is that about a quarter of lessons in state schools are still awful. As far back as I can remember, the inspectors' annual report on the state of the nation's schools has concluded that about a quarter of lessons are a complete waste of time: roughly the same number of children go on having their time wasted, it seems, no matter how many reforms and upheavals you throw at the education system. So where, you may ask, is the good news?

The good news is simply that the new Chief Inspector is at last focusing on the right target, which is poor teaching. It may take him a while to improve the aim of his inspectors, many of whom are as woolly-minded as the teachers he is complaining about, but that's another story.

The main thing that interests Chris Woodhead is not whether a teaching method is progressive or traditional, but whether it works. Let us be optimists, and assume the educational powers that be are on the threshold of a new Utilitarian Era.

After talking to Carolyn Evans, deputy head of the only inner-London school to feature in Ofsted's list of 52 school that offer shining examples of improvement, I felt much encouraged. (It is discouraging, to put it mildly, that Graveney School, in Wandsworth, should be the only comprehensive in the entire capital to feature in the list, but that again is another story.)

> The head doesn't give a damn for educational labels

Miss Evans, like the average literate parent, accepts the dictionary definition of didactic as "having the character or manner of a teacher". You don't get bogged down in dotty staffroom arguments about how to teach without being didactic at Graveney. Miss Evans, again like the average parent, doesn't give a damn whether a method is labelled progressive or traditional so long as it works. This is judged by whether, at the end of a lesson, the children are able to "write down, in good English which says what it means, what the teacher meant them to learn in the course of that lesson". And the chances are, she says, that you will need to use a variety of methods in order to keep them all concentrating throughout an hour's lesson.

Simple common sense? Well no, there is more than common sense in the teacher's bible at Graveney, a little booklet called *What Makes a Good Lesson?* that was devised by and for the staff just over three years ago. It is the main reason why the school has managed during that time almost to double the proportion of pupils achieving five or more good GCSE grades. This now stands at 49 per cent. I should like to give you the guts of it because it clarifies what the inspectors mean by good teaching.



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For all their good intentions, the language they use in their reports makes it damnably difficult for us parents to see what they are getting at.

The two key concepts are leadership and structure. Point number one is that the teacher's job is to lead the class and control the children's learning. (This is by no means obvious to all those teachers whose training colleges drummed it into them that their job was to be led by the children's interests, even if that meant going in 30 different directions simultaneously). Point number two is that the teacher must plan the complete structure of each lesson before she starts, leaving not more than five minutes or so to follow up extraneous points raised by the children.

"There simply isn't time to do otherwise," says Miss Evans. "You've got so much to get through that you have to start by planning your programme for the year, and then for the term and week, and then lesson by lesson.

"Teachers who bend over backwards to be flexible end up losing so much time that they are trying to cram the year's syllabus into the last six weeks. There is a body of knowledge that the children have to acquire and understand, and it is your job to keep them on course and get them through it."

Each teacher's lesson plans are discussed and refined in regular departmental meetings. Everyone is expected to be clear about what knowledge and what skills each lesson aims to convey, and to tell the children at the start of each lesson: "We will be learning about so and so today. First we'll watch a video, and then I want you to do some written work answering questions on such and such."

It is presumed that two or three activities, almost always including written work, will be needed to keep the attention of 30 children for an hour. The pace has to vary, the momentum to be kept up. Group work is sometimes useful, but only if you check that it is supporting individual learning. (For example, when teaching Roosevelt's New Deal, Miss Evans divided her class into groups, who enjoyed pretending to be presidential advisers. She didn't let them go home, though, without a quick burst of individual questions all round.)

> Nobody gets bogged down in dotty arguments

The day's homework is written into the lesson plan, and is not just a matter of finishing what everyone was doing when the bell went. Compulsory after-school and Saturday morning sessions are arranged for children who are falling behind. There are holiday revision classes. Senior staff randomly scoop up whole sets of their colleagues' books to check that marking is being done properly. If anyone says he or she is having trouble getting a certain topic across to a particular class, the head of department gives either detailed advice or a demonstration lesson.

This school sounds like the sort of place that does not believe in wasting anybody's time. Sure, the teachers do a lot of preparation, but they are not expected to spend hours messing about with the photocopier (they get good textbooks instead).

If your child's time is being wasted at school, you could do worse than obtain a copy of a Graveney bible and pass it to the head.

# Search for a saint

Could Thomas Becket's bones still lie at Canterbury? **Walter Ellis** reports on an enduring mystery



A drawing of the burial of the murdered Thomas Becket from an English psalter, *circa* 1200 (English Library)

Imagine if the bones of Thomas Becket, said to have been burnt and scattered to the winds at the height of the Reformation, were to be found. Imagine what the Pope might say. Imagine what those praying fervently for the conversion of England would say. If those bones could be enshrined once more in Canterbury Cathedral, mother church of the Anglican Communion, it could be a key moment in the Catholic revival.

A forthcoming book, *The Quest for Becket's Bones* (Yale University Press), by John Butler, Professor of Health Service Studies at the University of Kent at Canterbury, does not pretend to resolve the controversy over what happened to Becket's remains in 1538, when Thomas Cromwell and his King's Commissioners, acting for Henry VIII, entered the great cathedral intent on desecration, vandalism and theft.

Butler does, however, examine in detail the possibility that the bones may still exist — their exact location known only to a small and determined group of the faithful — and might at some point be restored to their former honour.

The professor, a practising Methodist, harbours no personal inclination to kneel before the holy clavicle or sacred scapula of Becket, still less his shattered skull. His research has been fired by intellectual curiosity and love of a good detective story, not Catholic piety. But he has, he confesses, "a profound respect for the impact this form of worship has had on people down the centuries", and he acknowledges Becket, 825 years after his death, as "a hugely charismatic figure in the imagination of the western world".

The question is, could the martyr's magic work a second time? The 38th Archbishop of Canterbury, murdered in his cathedral on the evening of December 29, 1170, was for nearly 400 years the most revered saint in Christendom. The almost stylised circumstances of his death — his loud refusal to bow to the secular dictates of Henry II and his dreadful murder by a group of unscrupulous knights who hacked at his skull, caused him to be venerated like no other saint, before or since.

Millions of the faithful throughout the late Middle Ages believed that St Thomas's mortal remains had been invested with miraculous healing powers, and the resulting mass of pilgrims, celebrated so vividly by Chaucer, brought fame and fortune to the See of Canterbury.

Not everyone was pleased. The Catholic Church, so long as it remained supreme, drew strength, and profit, from the saint's bearing and fortitude. But with the Reformation, Anglican prelates, jealous of their position, began to see in Thomas a powerful symbol of the old order, both heretical and dangerous.

At the same time, the Crown, and those who looked to it for their own advancement, saw in the cult of Becket a potential focus for civil disaffection. He had defied the state and become a hero of the common people. The bones that drew pious crowds could also, it was feared, serve as a rallying point for treachery.

> 'If the bones are discovered, Pope John Paul II would doubtless wish to attend the consecration of a rebuilt shrine to his memory'

Henry VIII, set on imposing his own authority as head of the English Church, spared no effort to discredit Becket, and Cromwell proved a master of propaganda. Instead of "the holy blissful martyr", the murdered saint became "a rebel who fled the realm to France and to the Bishop of Rome to procure the abrogation of wholesome laws".

Sceptics are bound to argue that this was all a long time ago, that times have changed and that the legend of Thomas Becket is just that — a splendid story, largely irrelevant to our own times. Religious leaders see things differently.

Dr John Simpson, the Dean of Canterbury, believes that the persecution of Christians in different parts of the world this century has reawakened interest in Becket. The annual ceremony in the cathedral commemorating his murder, which attracted just a handful of worshippers when it was restored 30 years ago, was, he says, packed out last month, with many foreign visitors coming specifically to pray at the altar where he died.

Catholics are understandably enthusiastic about one of their own, and were Becket's bones shown to have been saved from the flames after all there is little doubt that Pope John Paul II, or a successor, would wish to attend the consecration of a rebuilt shrine to his memory.

What effect such an celebration might have on Catholic ambitions in this country — including the monopoly of England's gothic cathedrals by Anglican "interlopers" — can only be guessed at.

Professor Butler looks at the possibilities with a cool, yet sympathetic eye. He recounts each of the rumours down the centuries and devotes considerable time to the discovery, in 1888, of a maverick set of bones in the eastern crypt purported for many years after to be those of Becket.

He examines the related theory that two residentiary canons in the 1950s, who spent much of their own money restoring adjoining chapels, knew the "true bones" to have occupied one of two anonymous graves in the floor of the rebuilt structure. He even recounts the tale of how two former French legionnaires were arrested outside the cathedral in 1990 during an abortive attempt to break open the tomb of a French cardinal and reveal it as Becket's current resting place.

What he cannot do, in spite of his efforts, is overturn the "official" version of what actually happened in 1538. Then, according to various accounts, Thomas Cromwell, acting on the instructions of his royal master, had Becket's bones removed from their ransacked shrine and burned to ashes. So determined was the Lord Privy Seal to obliterate all memory of the "traitor" Becket that he may even have had what was left after burning fired from a cannon on the city walls.

Dean Simpson, a keen admirer of Professor Butler's efforts, rejects his hinted-at conclusion. "Had the bones not been destroyed, I think we could have expected them to be produced during the reign of Mary Tudor, a fervent Catholic, and the truth is that nothing happened at all."

But while the remains may not be fact, the fact remains that there is still hope among a tiny band of the faithful, and so long as that hope can be sustained, Thomas Becket, playboy, martyr and phenomenon, is not finished yet.

# The actresses who never grow old

Why do female French stars remain eternally alluring, wonders **Charles Bremner**, while others fade?

Quick. Name some current French actors who are not Gérard Depardieu. The chances are that once past Delon, Belmondo and perhaps Trintignant and Noiret, all of them in their fifties and sixties, you have to pause for a moment.

The same does not apply if you think of the women. The French Government may be busy these days with a futile battle to fend off the hegemony of Hollywood, but when it comes to female star power, the Gallic cinema is out-dazzling the Americans as rarely before.

A short list is enough to convey the point. It could run from Isabelle Adjani through Juliette Binoche to Carole Bouquet, Isabelle Huppert and Catherine Deneuve. True, the global masses do not flock to their movies as they do to those of the Schwarzeneggers, the Disneys and dinosaurs. In the department of raw exhibition, Sharon Stone probably stirs more heat. But as the incarnation of grace, beauty and seductiveness, the present stable of working French actresses sets the standard.

The new ascendancy of the French actress is causing waves even among Latin nations with their own traditions of pulchritude and little time for their chauvinist northern neighbour. Italy's *L'Espresso* magazine devotes lavish space this week to what it calls the erotic renaissance which is being wrought on the French cinema by its female talent.

While *L'Espresso* cannot be reproached for its awe over such young beauties as Sophie Marceau (last in *D'Artagnan's Daughter*) or Vanessa Paradis, the Lolita whose latest vehicle, *Elisa*, opens this week, it can be faulted for missing the most striking aspect of the phenomenon. This is that the most bewitching of this flock of knock-outs are all *femmes d'un certain age*.

All the *vedettes* on the above shortlist are in their fourth, fifth and, in the case of grandmother Deneuve, their sixth decades. Adjani, the sublime recluse who is drawing global audiences as the blood-stained sexual predator in *La Reine Margot*, turns 40 this year. Huppert, who lends elegant class to *Amateur*, is 42. Bouquet, who made her name as a sexy bourgeoise in Bunuel's *That Obscure Object of Desire* in 1977, is turning 38. Her image of the drop-dead Parisienne now features in the adverts for Chanel No 5, directed by Roman Polanski. Binoche, last seen in English with Jeremy Irons in *Damage*, is the baby at a mere 31.

The roll-call need hardly stop there. Take, for example Fanny Ardent. Still the object of male reverie at the age of 45, she has just opened as the mistress in a Marguerite Duras play at a Montparnasse theatre after starring in *Le Colonel Chabert* with Depardieu. Then there is Anouk Aimée, heroine of Claude Lelouche's sixties icon *Un Homme et Une Femme*. She was signed up as Ungaro's face in her fifties and can be seen as ravishing as ever at a near unbelievable 62 in Agnès Varda's new *Monsieur Cinéma*. And of course Jeanne Moreau, the doyenne, is still seductive at 66. Of the great stars, only Bardot, 60, who gave up films two decades ago in favour of animals, has failed to keep her looks.

The potent charms of these *femmes mûres* only underlines the injustice of the treatment which Hollywood inflicts on its female stars when the big four-oh heaves over their horizon and the third face-lift sags. No one raises an eyebrow as Newman, Nicholson and Beatty exercise their prowess with babes who could be their daughters. But while Deneuve, voted the epitome of beauty last month, glides on as the impossible enchantress at 51, the Americans banish their ladies over the hill until they can safely come back as matrons.

Sissy Spacek (44), Jessica Lange (45) and Jill Clayburgh (49) rarely get work. At 45, even Meryl Streep is kept to the character parts or plays fading actresses obsessed with her lost youth, as she did in *Death Becomes Her*. Sally Field, 48, is doing fine as a nice mother, latterly in *Mrs Doubtfire*. At 40, the hot-blooded Kathleen Turner gets parts as comically voracious vamps, as in last year's *Naked in New York*.

When Susan Sarandon, 47, was given the part of the sexy lawyer in *The Client* last year, the novelty sent the media musing on menopause, danger and desire. And we will not forget Isabella Rossellini's removal as Lancôme's icon, mainly because of the age-obsessed American market.





Ageless: Deneuve (top) and Adjani

There is no mystery behind all this. French women imbibe the arts of femininity with their mother's milk and are convinced they are free from the cultural complexes that afflict their northern and transatlantic sisters. According to Elisabeth Badinter, a leading feminist, *les anglo-saxons* are hobbled with a Puritan culture which regards women as mothers. "In France we have other references to evoke womanhood. I have the feeling that Frenchmen are less frightened of women," she says.

The Latin countries and France in particular, see age and experience as an enhancement to mystery and seductiveness. Not for nothing does Emma Bovary remain one of the most alluring figures in French fiction.

Régis Wargnier, who directed Deneuve in *Indochine*, says: "We give more chances to a woman in her fifties to seduce people. We don't just decide, 'You're 45, 50. You're a nice woman but you can't be seductive any more.' We allow older women to have love affairs."

This is not to say that French actress do not care about their wrinkles. As Deneuve herself said the other day: "Women who say they do not give a hoot about age are women who lie."

In France, too, femininity is appreciated by men. Though 78 and ailing, President Mitterrand waxes lyrical on the charms of his colleagues. He noted the other day that Edith Cresson, 61, whom he appointed prime minister and is now serving as a Brussels commissioner, was not merely competent but also enjoyed "the bonus of her beauty".

Imagine the lynch mob that would descend on John Major or Bill Clinton if they ventured a similar thought.

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# Radical mood swings



MEDICAL BRIEFING

Dr Thomas Stuttaford

WHEN giving evidence to the Nolan committee, Tom King lamented the change in the personality of the average MP which he had witnessed during his time in Parliament. However, even in the past, not all members were motivated by a desire to serve their constituencies and country, and in some cases even these praiseworthy ambitions must have concealed some deep psychological flaw.

Even 25 years ago, when I was an MP, a few would not have been out of place in a psychiatric outpatients' clinic. One member, now dead, of questionable maturity and emotional stability was a gun enthusiast. When I was sitting beside him on the back-benches one day, he surprised me by demonstrating the truth of his boast that he frequently carried a gun, in a concealed shoulder holster, into the chamber.

Another member usually sat hunched, morose and depressed, a silent loner on the back-bench. He, however, also had moods of great activity and verbosity when his actions became unpredictable but when his vitality could dominate a meeting. This member showed every symptom of manic depression, known in the current jargon as a bi-polar affective disorder, somebody whose mood alternates between unwarrantable depression and overactive jollity, often associated with a lack of judgment.

In most people these troubles can result in a life of torment if the underlying condition is not properly treated. Lithium has proved to be the drug of choice for the treatment of manic depressive states. It is not only frequently useful in treating otherwise intractable depression, but irons out the mood swings which can devastate the patient's own life and that of those around them.

The use of lithium is not without its problems; the secret of its successful use is the regular monitoring of the lithium level in the blood. Most doctors recommend that this should be done at monthly intervals. It should certainly not be left for more than three months without checking. The blood must be collected 12 hours after a dose has been taken. Before starting on lithium treatment, and periodically thereafter, kidney and cardiac function must be assessed and a regular check kept on thyroid function.

Recently, a man who had been taking lithium for many years was thought by his doctor to have also developed Parkinson's disease. The fine tremor he normally endured had become a gross shake, his movements so disorganised that when eating his aim was as chaotic and no better directed than a two-year-old's.

Finally as a result of his staggering gait, he fell down his ancestral stairs. Thereafter, a lithium blood check showed the levels were far too high, and this was accounting for his shake, his uncoordination, nausea, diarrhoea, thirst and a frequency of urination.

Dr Mike Read, writing in a recent *Update* magazine, lists the difficulties of lithium treatment. Patients of lithium need a high fluid intake so as not to become dehydrated, and should be wary of excessive sweating whether from exertion or fever. Care is needed when taking diuretics, and salt intake needs monitoring.

## Broken bones



OSTEOPOROSIS is usually thought of as a disease of menopausal women, and over the past 30 years great progress has been made in its detection, prevention with HRT, and treatment.

Although the classic picture of an osteoporotic patient is that of a little old woman, thinning bones and spontaneous crush fractures of the vertebrae aren't confined to women. In a recent review of male osteoporosis in *Geriatric Medicine*, two Newcastle doctors, Dr Roger Francis, a senior lecturer in medicine, and Dr Frazer Anderson, the Action Research training fellow at the Freeman hospital, estimate that on average every GP in Britain will be looking after 14 men with osteoporosis.

When the burly second row forward or rowing Blue, who used to tower over college reunions, reaches his late sixties or seventies he frequently shrinks to a less intimidating height. Many of the causes of osteoporosis in men are inevitable but some, for instance alcoholism or inertia, can be avoided; others such as malabsorption or steroid therapy can be modified. The Newcastle doctors report also suggests that as well as providing pain relief, doctors should consider prescribing intermittent cyclical etidronate-calcium therapy (Didronel PMO) therapy.

● *Advice is available from the National Osteoporosis Society, PO Box 10, Radstock, Bath BA3 3YB (01761 471771).*

## Clear lungs



A FORTNIGHT ago, *Pulse*, a magazine for GPs, reported that the number of children suffering from bronchitis had been unusually high. Adults, too, have now caught it, chest infections are widespread.

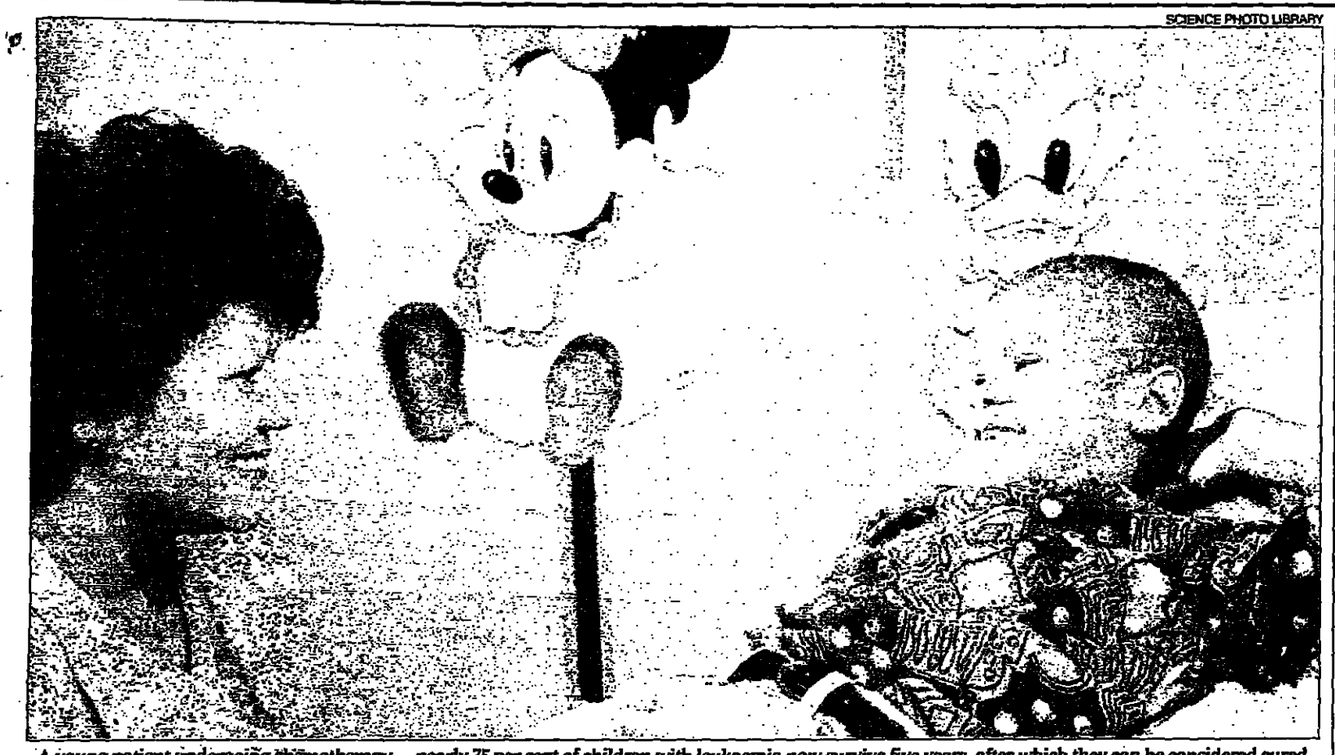
The infection is not, contrary to what the patients may feel, a true influenza for their symptoms are the result either of infection with one of the respiratory syncytial viruses (RSV), or from an epidemic of *Mycoplasma pneumoniae*. The difference is not only academic for *M pneumoniae* is a bacterial infection which responds to antibiotics. If the symptoms are either persistent or severe, an antibiotic should be prescribed. Conversely, in cases of influenza or RSV, the organism is viral and antibiotics are useful only in treating secondary bacterial infection.

Recent research has shown that adults most at risk of suffering lasting damage from bronchitis are patients with pre-existing lung or heart disease, or those who have had three or more attacks of bronchitis in the previous winter. Both of these groups need antibiotics sooner rather than later.

Patients should take note of a recent editorial in the *British Medical Journal*, which reports on the beneficial relationship between a diet rich in vegetables and fruit and obstructive lung disease.

It seems that the natural antioxydent vitamins beta carotene, vitamins C and E not only help to protect against malignant disease, heart disease and some degenerative conditions of the eye, but also have a role in keeping lungs working efficiently.

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A young patient undergoing chemotherapy — nearly 75 per cent of children with leukaemia now survive five years, after which they can be considered cured

# A cure for the incurables

**Dr James Le Fanu** reports on a British trial that has given hope to young leukaemia patients

As a medical student back in the mid-1960s, Tim Eden recalls being told by the paediatric consultant in his hospital that the treatment of children with acute lymphoblastic leukaemia (ALL) was unethical. Certainly, a combination of steroids and three anti-cancer drugs could, by knocking out the leukaemic cells in the bone marrow, induce a remission of the disease.

But this was inevitably followed by a relapse and no child had ever survived more than two years. This short-lived remission was bought for too high a cost of drugs toxicity. It was better to do nothing.

Twenty-five years on, Tim Eden is now Professor of Paediatric Haematology in Manchester and chairs the Medical Research Council's (MRC) leukaemia treatment programme. Their most recent trial, published a fortnight ago in *The Lancet*, reveals that nearly 75 per cent of children with ALL should now survive five years, after which they can be considered to be cured.

There are other "incurable" diseases that have become curable over the past quarter century, but ALL is unique in the manner by which this has been achieved. There has been no single wonder drug of fundamental new discovery. Rather, success has depended entirely on paediatricians participating in the most sustained and complex series of medical experiments ever conducted in this country.

The story begins in 1962 at St Jude Children's Research Hospital in Memphis, Tennessee, where Dr Dan Pinkel had been performing autopsies on children who had relapsed after treatment of their leukaemia.

He found the brain tissue to be massively infiltrated with leukaemic cells and interpreted this as meaning that the brain was a sanctuary where anti-cancer drugs could not penetrate. Relapse was therefore inevitable unless it was possible to knock out the cells by irradiating the brain. This would carry enormous risks and there would be no way to predict the scale of resulting damage to the intellectual and emotional lives of the young children.

> 'It was scary — they died of the treatment'

But the gamble worked and in 1971 Dr Pinkel was able to report that out of 37 children treated with the new regime, eight were still alive five years later — a success rate of just under 25 per cent.

It was the first glimmer of hope that this childhood cancer might be curable, but to improve on these results required finding the answer to a number of questions. What was the best combination of drugs to induce the remission? How should they be given? At what dosages, and when?

In 1971, the MRC agreed to co-ordinate the formidable task and the first trial was launched under the acronym Ukall. Over the subsequent decades there were six further trials, Ukall II to VII, in which different anti-cancer drugs at varying dosages were compared with each other.

Despite the enormous effort involved, there was no improvement in the number of children cured over that which Dr Pinkel had originally achieved. In addition, it was becoming apparent that the damage to the brain from radiation markedly reduced the IQ of the children who did survive.

In 1980, with the launch of Ukall VIII, a decision was made to change tack and enormously intensify the dosage and scheduling of the drugs to the maximum that could be tolerated. This would effectively wipe out the body's defence mechanisms, making the children particularly susceptible to virulent infections. "At the beginning it was very scary," Professor Eden says. "For the first time children were dying not of their disease but as a direct result of the treatment."

After a year, however, it became clear that with skilled nursing children could be supported through this initial very stormy phase and, with the publication of the results of this trial in 1986, the aggressive approach proved to have been justified. Survival rates leapt by 20 per cent.

Since then two further trials elaborating on the methods of intensification of treatment have brought yet further improvement in survival — up to the 75 per cent reported in *The Lancet* a fortnight ago.

Professor Eden says: "We have the 'luxury' of being able to examine the long-term effects of treatment on the health of the children we have cured." High on the list of priorities is to assess whether an alternative to irradiating the brain by instilling the anti-cancer drug methotrexate into the spinal fluid might eradicate the lurking leukaemic cells without causing intellectual impairment.

These vital questions cannot be answered without more trials and the next Ukall is already being planned. However, an unanticipated problem has arisen. "The higher our success rate in curing leukaemia, the more difficult it will become to persuade parents that their children should take part in these trials where they are randomly allocated to one schedule of treatment or another," Professor Eden points out.

Paradoxically, the trials may eventually become victims of their own success. Then parents will start insisting that their children be given the best available treatment. The great scientific experiment that has defined what that should be, will be over.

The battle between smokers and tobacco companies has acquired a different flavour. **Nigel Hawkes** reports

# When no one gives up

Do smokers have a case against the tobacco companies? We may soon know, thanks to the action of the Legal Aid Board, which has bravely — some would say foolhardily — granted legal aid to a disgruntled group of them. The money will allow 200 people who complain that smoking has damaged their health to investigate whether there are grounds for action.

There are millions of smokers, many of whom would be only too pleased to join in. If a case is brought and won, the tobacco companies could easily be bankrupted, not to mention the legal-aid system. But experience in America suggests that the smokers face an uphill battle.

Tobacco companies there have yet to pay a cent to a personal-injury plaintiff because they have argued successfully in court that people choose to smoke. In at least 700 actions since the 1950s, the cigarette-makers have demonstrated both the depth of their pockets and an apparently endless supply of legal stamina in preserving their winning streak.

Now, however, the plaintiffs have taken a fresh tack. Congressional hearings last year heard evidence that smoking is addictive, and that the companies knew but declined to do anything about it. Amid claims that success would mean a $100 billion settlement, five people then sought approval from a New Orleans court to turn their suit into a "class action" on behalf of thousands of smokers. Judgment is still awaited.

The companies' defence is to point out that half of all smokers manage to give up, demonstrating that smoking is a voluntary activity. But they could face problems if the plaintiffs can show that the companies deliberately controlled nicotine levels to keep smokers hooked.

This is the thrust of the case being prepared in Britain. Martyn Day, of the solicitors Leigh, Day, says that by the early 1960s it was clear that tar in cigarettes was causing health damage, and that nicotine was addictive. "Under common law manufacturers have a duty to minimise risk to their customers, and they should have done so by reducing both tar and nicotine," he says.

The key date is 1962, when the Royal College of Physicians published the first of its reports on the dangers of smoking. Sir Richard Doll, the Oxford epidemiologist who was largely responsible for establishing the facts, had begun his classic study of doctors in the early 1950s.




Cigarette-makers say people choose to smoke

As a result of his work and the RCP report, it is difficult to employ the defence of ignorance after 1962. But this cuts both ways. The plaintiffs will claim that the tobacco companies should have acted sooner; the companies that the smokers should have stopped once aware of the risks.

Martyn Day argues that the companies failed to "inform and warn", but instead set out to undermine the accumulating evidence of health damage. "It appears to us that they have never voluntarily reduced tar and nicotine content in cigarettes, but simply responded to changing consumer tastes," he says.

The next stage in the action will be to use the legal-aid money to try to establish the evidence to sustain these claims, before seeking Counsel's advice and perhaps applying to the Legal Aid Board again for the money to fight a High Court action.

Professor Richard Daynard, a lawyer from Northeastern University School of Law in Boston, says that he detects "a very different flavour" in the latest actions against the cigarette companies in the US. "The earlier actions, which were lost, were launched by small law firms without much money for investigations. The latest actions have sophisticated lawyers, and they're well funded," he says. He expects the Louisiana court to rule in favour of a class action, in which case there will be all to play for.

Martyn Day, who has already made visits to the US to consult lawyers there, will be watching progress closely.

But if the tobacco companies lose, what comes next? Suits against the distillers over cirrhosis of the liver? Or an action against the dairy industry by heart-disease sufferers? The Legal Aid Board may have set a monster in motion. In a world where everybody is a victim, there is no shortage of cases to argue.

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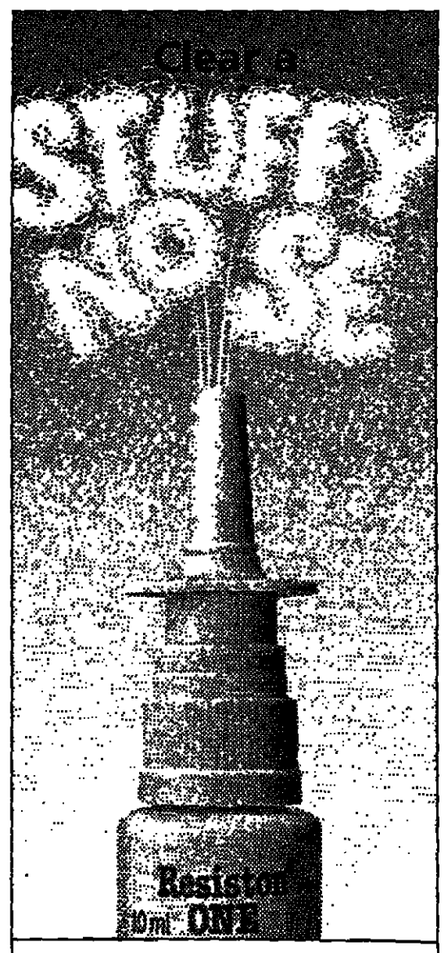
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**■ Private operators may recognise that more frequent and reliable trains would attract more custom**

Let me get this straight. In order for the new rail franchise holders to improve services, it is necessary to reduce the minimum number of trains they are required to run. To put it another way: you cannot get more service than you have at present without asking for less. To which the nation may well chorus, "Why ever not?" The explanation seems to come courtesy of Lewis Carroll. Lowering the statutory minimum number of trains that must be run on a privatised line will allow a new owner "space" to improve the service.

Indeed it will. It will allow more space on the far side of the minimum to count as improving the service. (If you must guarantee only one train an hour, then running two qualifies as improving on the minimum standard by 100 per cent.) But for all this hypocritical double-talk, I cling to some shred of hope over the privatising of the railway — perhaps because it seems the only way to rescue train travel from the fate to which it has been condemned by political short-sightedness and trade-union nihilism. The Government has only just grasped the truth which transport planners have known for a generation: that building more roads attracts more drivers and thus increases traffic density. But it still seems wholly incapable of applying the same logic to the train service.

> The number of rail passengers is no more fixed than the number of cars

If you increase the number of trains, you will attract more customers. By cutting back the service, you drive more and more people away from rail transport, thus making even the running of a reduced service more uneconomic.

Just as there is not a fixed number of car-users, who can be distributed more widely over a larger road network, there is no fixed number of train passengers. Given a more comprehensive and reliable service, more people will travel by rail. With luck, some commercial operators might actually see that there is an enormous market demand to be exploited.

The deterioration of my local train service is a good example of this self-defeating policy of perverse contraction. When we moved to our present home, 14 years ago, the railway that runs from suburban Hertfordshire into the city had only recently been electrified. Trains ran at 20-minute intervals through the day and every ten minutes at peak times. They also ran — more conveniently from King's Cross after 9pm — through the night at hourly intervals. (There was only one two-hour gap, as I recall, from 2am to 4am.) What this meant was that everyone in the neighbourhood used the train. It would have been madness to do otherwise. Not only was it the least troublesome way to get to work, but it could get you home from an evening out in the West End at virtually any time.

Well, all good things come to an end. We now have two trains an hour and 15 to 20 minute gaps — in theory — during the rush hour. In fact, there are so many cancellations and delays that the service is even poorer than the official timetable indicates. Needless to say, the night service died out long ago, so a car journey is now essential for any sort of London nightlife. As the service has become worse, more and more people have given up on the train altogether. And so fares have increased exponentially to try to make up for lost revenue. And so even more customers have been driven away by high prices. All of which makes it sound as if Whitehall is the chief culprit. But even a much-reduced timetable would hold customers if it were truly reliable.

Which brings us to the trade unions. After years of bargaining and negotiating, British Rail won the right to run trains without guards on our line, but only when those trains are travelling above ground. No train may proceed through the last half of the journey into the city without a guard. So the absence of a single guard can result in the cancellation of a whole series of runs.

But more absurd is the impasse over leaf-clearance. Modern trains, it seems, are too light to push away the leaf mulch in their paths. So special leaf-clearing vehicles must be driven along the track before services begin in the mornings. The unions insist that only qualified train drivers can operate these vehicles, and that they must be accompanied by guards (now called "trainmen"). But Railtrack does not employ drivers and guards, so it has to second them from British Rail. So drivers and guards are pulled out of normal duty, and, in their absence, trains must be cancelled.

The logic of this boggles the mind. It is rather as if a private toll-road demanded that drivers fill in potholes themselves because it was unable to employ qualified maintenance staff. In the real (commercial) world, a company like Railtrack would have its own flexible maintenance crews, instead of hiring its customers (the service providers) to clear the track. Is there a remote possibility that privatisation may yet bring the railways within striking distance of the real world?




# Choosing a Swiss role

## Europe's richest country has taken a path quite different from the EU's

*William Rees-Mogg*

Which is the wealthiest nation in Europe? It is Switzerland, with a long lead over every other European country except Luxembourg. At current exchange rates, Switzerland is the richest country on earth; measured by purchasing power parity, the United States may still be equally wealthy. In 1992, the Swiss had a gross domestic product per head of $36,231; if one takes the latest comparable figures, Japan stands at 78 per cent of the Swiss level, America at 64 per cent, Germany at 63 and Britain at 49. In terms of external purchasing power, the Swiss are twice as rich as we are; in terms of domestic purchasing power, they are about a third richer.

What is the most striking difference between Britain and Switzerland? We are a much more highly politicised society than they are. Few people in Switzerland know who the members of their Government are, and it is doubtful whether a majority can remember the name of the President. Nobody outside Switzerland knows anything about the Swiss Government, nor does it matter that one should. The cantons operate their separate systems with a good deal of independence of each other. They compete to make themselves attractive to their citizens by keeping taxes low, and do not try to win elections by putting taxes and expenditure up. They treat their citizens as their customers. They do not charge significant taxes on capital; estate duties are below 10 per cent in most if not all cantons, and capital gains are free of tax. Swiss society is genuinely capitalist, with private family wealth growing generation by generation.

The Swiss are not, never have been and do not now intend to become members of the European Union. They, like the Norwegians — who are also wealthier than us — recently decided not to apply for membership, despite some agitation by a minority of Swiss Europeanists. As the rest of Europe is significantly poorer than the Swiss, they do not see what economic advantages they would gain by joining a poor men's club. British Europeanists are always saying what an economic disaster it would be for Britain if we were to leave the Union. I am not one of those who wishes to leave, if we can avoid it, but the threat that Britain outside the European Union would become as poor as Switzerland is easy to bear.

The Swiss example shows, in particular, the absurdity of the argument that the British financial services industry would collapse if Britain were to leave the European Union. Invisible exports are, of course, only partly a matter of financial services; Switzerland has snow and skiing as well as money and banks. Nevertheless, it is significant that if one takes Swiss invisible exports per head at 100, the British would be 41 and the Germans 24. As far as invisible earnings are concerned, Switzerland has been much more successful outside the EU than Britain has within it.

There are three reasons for this. The Swiss have a strongly capitalist tradition, which has helped to develop banking and other financial services; they have encouraged a private capital base inside the country itself. From 1939 to the late 1980s, Britain had a tax structure which was designed to make private accumulations of capital difficult or impossible, with a state duty ranging up to 85 per cent for much of the post-war period. We are a poorer country partly because the post-war socialist and semi-socialist governments consumed our capital.

The Swiss have also had a much better savings record, because they have encouraged this accumulation of private capital. That has had the natural consequence of a strong external balance and a strong currency. Switzerland is the only European country with a consistently strong current account balance — second only to Japan, and in striking contrast to post-war Britain and America and to the Germany of the 1990s. People tend to bank with countries which have strong reserves and large surpluses.

Swiss bank regulations have also been designed to protect both the banks and their customers, with a minimum of interference. The European Community has earned a disastrous reputation for interfering over-regulation, with all the extra costs and loss of confidentiality that follow. The proposed creation of a single currency and a single European central bank would lead to even further regulation. The Swiss are more likely to benefit from being outside this system of regulation: depositors prefer offshore banks, and Switzerland has remained offshore of post-Maastricht Europe.

This week in Geneva, I have found that the Swiss seem to have no regrets at having remained outside the EU. Their feeling that they are better off on their own seems to be stronger than ever. They follow European politics and the European economy closely, and many of them do not like what they see.

To the south is the disturbing political catastrophe of Italy, with every faction apparently able to block reform, and no faction having the power to do what is needed. Yet when they look north, they see an arrogant, complacent Germany, politically immobilised by the later stages of the Kohl era. The Swiss perceive that the German welfare and tax structure is crippling German industrial competitiveness. There is no prospect in German politics of anything being done to put this right. The present coalition cannot do what is needed; the next coalition, which may be years away, will presumably be further to the left.

From Geneva, the European Union looks dangerously like a failure. In economic terms, the Common Market had real success in its early days. It was created to narrow the gap between Europe and America as industrial powers. A mixture of post-war recovery and the opening of European trade frontiers achieved that objective in the 1960s and the 1970s. However, the early days are now a distant memory. In the 1990s, Europe is falling back into third place in the world economy, with Asia moving up into first place, and America retaining a lead in technology. Third place was not the target.

In its early years, the European Community built up a reservoir of goodwill with the European electorates, because it was able to deliver the goods: greater economic freedom and greater prosperity. Now, to put it mildly, the Swiss, who are outside Europe, are more free and more wealthy than the people of the Community nations. Brussels has always been a non-democratic structure, and, paradoxically, such structures are more dependent on popularity than democratic ones. Brussels is now delivering economic decline in world terms, bureaucratic regulation, high costs and high unemployment. It is using up the capital of goodwill built up in earlier years.

The Swiss believe that their own prosperity has three pillars. They were neutral in two world wars; they never experienced the socialist attack on capital which crippled countries such as Britain and Sweden, and overburdened Germany and France; and they enjoy the freedom of not belonging to a bureaucratic and centralised system. Of course, they also enjoy the benefits of free trade with the European Community, as the EC does with them. Fifty years after the Second World War, Britain is earning 49 centimes to the Swiss franc. Who can doubt which nation took the correct post-war path to stability and prosperity?

When one examines the Swiss example, one can see the virtues of independence. The independence of the cantons has prevented the creation of an oppressive centralised state, taxing its citizens in order to bribe its voters. Personal independence has been strengthened by the accumulation of family capital, with the high savings that are required. National independence has permitted the Swiss to avoid many, if not all of the mistakes made by larger European countries. Local democracy has proved more responsive than national democracy to public opinion. Politics has been kept in its right place, and politicians in theirs.

In 1972, when Britain joined the EEC, there was a real hope that the political culture of Western Europe was moving in this Swiss direction. In the 1980s, a fateful deal was struck between the French Socialists and the German federalists. Europe changed course towards the social-federal model of Chancellor Kohl and President Delors. The Swiss view this post-Maastricht Europe with some dismay from their mountains. Not surprisingly the British also view it with increasing dismay from across the Channel.

# Will Ulster stand it?

## Paul Bew on the meaning of 'harmonisation'

The British Government's Ulster strategy is facing its most severe test yet. The Government shows signs of losing even that body of serious-minded Unionist public opinion that desperately wants to work a "historic compromise".

In the wake of the *Times* account yesterday of the "framework" document currently being negotiated with the Irish Government, the moderate *Belfast Telegraph* said: "It is little wonder Unionists are unnerved. The Secretary of State, Sir Patrick Mayhew, urges caution until the document is finally agreed, but his words may fall on deaf ears." The *Telegraph* sees the core proposal of the new document as being a joint North-South Irish authority with "radical executive powers", including the power to deal directly with Brussels.

The document does fall short of the joint authority presaged in nationalist documents such as the New Ireland Forum report of 1984, which spoke of shared responsibility for all aspects of the administration of government in Ireland, but for mainstream Unionists, it is quite simply too close to that for comfort. It should not be forgotten that in 1974 Ted Heath unintentionally destroyed a moderate Unionist leader, Brian Faulkner, who was prepared to accept a power-sharing compromise, by pushing him too far. It would be unfortunate if 20 years later John Major did the same to James Molyneaux, who is likewise anxious to work with, rather than against, a British Prime Minister. With the benefit of hindsight, senior officials involved in 1973-74 concede that it was a mistake to push the Irish dimension to the power-sharing deal so hard.

Throughout yesterday, official sources insisted that *The Times*'s version of the document was selective and left out key elements of reassurance for the Unionists. In particular, it was suggested that any new North-South institutions would be accountable to a North-South assembly and that general criteria of "workability" remained in place. Yet middle-class Unionists — very much the key to Molyneaux's continued authority — remained unhappy. The new document seems to challenge the British identity of many Ulster Unionists. In part this is simply a matter of its general "green" tone; but it is also because areas of policy such as education and health have been added to the list for possible north-south harmonisation. Such issues as energy, transport and agriculture already have a significant cross-border dimension, and even moderate Unionists can envisage fruitful pragmatic co-operation in these ring-fenced areas, but the inclusion of education, in however token a form, seems to imply a broader and more ideological programme of all-Ireland harmonisation. In particular, the north is tremendously proud of its excellent grammar schools — which achieve the best A-level results in the UK and provide a stream of talent for British universities.

As for health, we have been here before. In the days of the power-sharing executive of 1974, Dublin promoted harmonisation. The Minister of Health and Social Services was the admirable SDLP politician Paddy Devlin. His permanent secretary replied to the Dublin proposal: "You will see that we have nothing of moment to suggest at this stage, and only vague contingencies in mind for the future. Generally, our view is that the onus lies on the Republic to bring its services up to the standards prevailing in Northern Ireland before there could be any real scope for joint schemes." More graphically, the northern nationalist minister, Paddy Devlin, came round to this view, graphically, telling Garret FitzGerald at a working group on harmonisation: "Keep your hands off my ambulances for a start."

Here we come to grips with the problem of trust and the present lack of it. It is the clue to any workable settlement. Some in the British Government may calculate that it is worth sending Unionists into a form of internal exile in order to gain republican enthusiasm. But Mr Molyneaux, with all his flaws, is almost the embodiment of majority Ulster Unionist sentiment. In recent years, he has quietly modernised Unionism — for example by his path-breaking Dublin talks in 1992. To ignore him is to invite the Unionist community to return to the unproductive sullen mood which marked the aftermath of the Anglo-Irish agreement of 1985. But the lesson of the Downing Street declaration of 1993 is clear: it is only when a document commands the grudging uneasy respect of all sides — as that one did — that the process can move forward on the basis of of consent.

In the midst of the furore, one important reality should not be neglected. This is a difficult moment to say it, but nonetheless there is no future for simplistic Unionist vetoes. A new accommodation with nationalist Ireland has to be achieved. Unionists should be indicating that they are ready for all reasonable forms of co-operation with Dublin.

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# Driven men

THERE were tense moments in Whitehall yesterday. Ministers were forced to consider public transport for the first time in years: there was even talk of red boxes making their debut on the London Underground. The Government's team of chauffeurs took industrial action.

Nearly 150 drivers stopped work at 6pm yesterday and held an emergency meeting to discuss grievances over plans to clamp down on overtime. To coincide with the meeting, each driver presented his minister with a polite letter explaining the situation and apologising for the inconvenience caused.

One driver said that many ministers were sympathetic to their cause. "In 40 years, the government car service has only had one half-day of action before now, so we are very loyal and discreet," he said. "But we feel very strongly about this. On average, a driver will do 18 to 20 hours overtime a week because the basic wage [£13,000 p.a.] is so low, and some of the ministers have actually said we should stand up for our rights."

Drivers serving the Prime Minister and other members of the Cabinet with police protection supported the action, but continued work for security reasons. But alternative transport had to be found to get all other ministers to engagements: public transport was abandoned in favour of a private firm of chauffeurs. "Ministerial mobility will be assured," said a pompous official at the Department of the Environment.

● *Water, water everywhere — nor any drop to row on. The Oxford University crew has been land-bound for a week because the river is too swollen for them to take the boat out. "We're on flood alert in Oxford," says a boatman. "But we're having to use the rowing machine in the university sports centre."*




## DIARY

### Cock-fight

CHANNEL TUNNEL security is on cockerel alert as Gallic hordes descend on Twickenham for Saturday's rugby match against England. The French fans take pride in their cockerel emblem and the more committed are expected to try to bring a few feathery mascots with them to release on the pitch.

"Poultry is not allowed in the Channel Tunnel," warned a man from Eurotunnel. "Customs will confiscate the cockerels."

The French Rugby Federation is defiant, however, given the new opportunity for cockerel-smuggling presented by the tunnel. "We'll beat any restrictions. There will be cockerels at Twickenham I'm sure," said a spokesman.

### Bean there

OZONE BOFFINS in the frozen outpost of the British Antartic Survey's station at the South Pole have sent out an SOS. They are desperate for baked beans and their cause has been taken up in the House of Commons by Tony Banks, Labour Member for Newham North-West.

Banks has just returned from a visit to the snowy wastes. He says the scientists, who are already suffering from government cutbacks, are down to their last dozen tins — which amounts to half a tin each. "I asked the lads down there about what sort of problems they had, and they said they were running out of Heinz beans," says Banks. "They all really love them, and I'm raising the matter in the House because baked beans are the favourite fast food in the snack bar there. MPs adore them too."

### Shoe shuffle

A NATIONAL tour of celebrity shoes was kicked off by Gary Lineker, Ffyona Campbell and Sebastian Coe at St Thomas's Hospital in London yesterday. Coe had donated the pair of running shoes he wore to the 1984 Olympics in Los Angeles for the exhibition to raise money for the stillbirth charity Tommy's Campaign. He confessed, however, to a special fondness for more psychedelic footwear.

Back in the early 1980s, after setting one of many world records, his shoe supplier made him a light-hearted gift of the sort of pumps that most people would wear only for a bet. He and the shoes are now inseparable.

"They are the most lurid disco training shoes, and were meant as a joke," he explains. "They are silver with bright red speckled soles and gold laces — made for Abba to take on tour. I wear them all the time."

### Dated

COMPETITION is stiffer than ever for the Oldie of the Year award to be presented this Friday by *The Oldie* magazine. Spike Milligan is in with a chance, for facetiously calling the Prince of Wales a "grovelling little bastard"; Tony Benn is being considered after his expulsion from the Commons' Privileges Committee; Ted Newbury, the 82-year-old pensioner, for his pot-shot at an intruder in his allotment; and the jockey Rosemary Henderson for coming fifth in the Grand National.



Our Cilla: has an admirer

But there is a late runner: Cilla Black. She is favoured by the oldest and perhaps most distinguished judge on the panel: Lord Wyatt of Weeford. "At a recent judges' lunch, he could talk of no one else," says my source. "'She is just wonderful,' he kept saying. 'I think he fancies her rotten."

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# THE PROCESS OF PEACE

## Why it was right to publish the joint framework document

Last night, the Prime Minister took the extraordinary step of addressing the nation on the future of the Ulster peace process. His remarks followed the disclosure in *The Times* of a late draft version of the joint framework document, containing radical proposals for the Province, which the British and Irish Governments are expected to complete and publish soon.

A great furore was generated by our publication yesterday. We have received congratulations and contumely from readers and participants alike. We have listened carefully to the arguments and the insults that have been deployed. It remains our firm belief that it was in the public interest — and in the interests of a lasting peace in Northern Ireland — to print the accounts that we did.

The two Governments were particularly free with criticism. Sir Patrick Mayhew, the Northern Ireland Secretary, told the Commons that the leak was calculated to derail the peace process. John Bruton, the Taoiseach, gave warning that the disclosure could damage "the entire process towards peace and reconcilation". A senior Tory MP spoke of "scandalous irresponsibility".

Almost no one, it seems, seriously disputes the authenticity of the draft version seen by *The Times*. Some critics have claimed, however, that our coverage was a distorted version of the draft document that we saw. We have examined this possibility with care and are confident that this is not the case. Our reporter described the framework fairly, professionally and in the best tradition of informed *Times* journalism.

The proposals, if enacted, would undoubtedly "bring the prospect of a united Ireland closer than at any time since 1920". Perhaps Sir Patrick Mayhew, who described that sentence in our story yeserday as "rubbish" would like to say when such prospects have been closer. The Prime Minister sought to reassure his audience last night that "nothing is going to be imposed on Ulster" and that "any new North-South bodies . . will not be run by London". Nothing in *The Times* could be construed as suggesting that plans for either compulsion or control from London were contained in the document.

Other criticisms have centred on the unfinished status of the document. The joint framework has been under discussion for more than a year. In the last few weeks, officials have indicated that the long-awaited paper was on "its last lap". It was reasonable to assume that the recent draft seen by *The Times* was a late version. This has not been refuted. We conceded that there was room for last-minute changes to the text but that its main elements were clear. We also gave prominent space to Downing Street's immediate response, reinforcing the fact that the framework had not been finalised.

The third line of attack concerned the motives of our source and our decision to publish sensitive information that had not been received through official channels. We rest our case here not only on the truth of the words but in our judgment of the public interest in their publication. The key elements of this document indicated where ministerial and diplomatic opinion was heading. If those elements were too weak to face the daylight yesterday, will they be strong enough to face a no less harsh light hereafter?

Newspapers have a general responsibility to print the truth unless there is an absolutely compelling reason not to do so. There is no reason to assume that the true peace process has been damaged by this disclosure. The deep-seated anxieties of the Unionist community about cross-border joint authority have been raised earlier than they might have been. These fears are real and will not be answered by diplomatic emollience and vague promises. Only specific answers to specific questions will allay the concerns of those who wish Ulster to remain part of the United Kingdom.

Downing Street made a start yesterday by indicating that the North-South body would depend upon Northern Ireland's new administrative assembly for its authority. This was a step forward from and clarification of the draft document which seemed to make membership of the new body compulsory for heads of department in the Province's new devolved administration.

The detailed process of consultation is now beginning. It is quite clear that both Governments have underestimated the strength of Unionist opinion on the constitutional future. The negotiators will also learn from the diverse reactions of nationalists to the proposals. This should help them to amend the final version appropriately and to produce a plan which all sections of the Ulster population find acceptable. In the Commons yesterday, Marjorie Mowlam, the Shadow Northern Ireland Secretary, said that "we all need to be open and honest in our dealings". That is true. Without honesty, openness and frank discussion of differences, the peace process will be nothing but a prelude to disappointment.

# JAPAN'S APOLOGY

## A gesture of contrition for its wartime record is needed

Japan's wartime record continues, 50 years on, to bedevil its efforts to develop a role in international affairs more commensurate with its economic might. To many Japanese this is an unfair, even racist, harping on events for which Japan paid its reckoning long ago. They argue that Japan's leading war criminals were tried and sentenced just as Germany's were. Compensation to interned allied civilians and prisoners-of-war, the Japanese Government insists, was fully and finally settled under the terms of the 1951 peace treaty.

By painful degrees, however, Japan's leaders have accepted that no reckoning can be complete without a genuine and public expression of contrition: towards the countries it invaded, and towards those individuals who were treated with inexcusable inhumanity. In 1993 Morihiro Hosakawa expressed "profound remorse and apologies". Three successive Japanese Prime Ministers have now officially expressed contrition and offered condolences. Many Japanese who have been ready to concede that Japan was far too slow to make such redress now consider that the past should finally be laid to rest.

Consensus still remains elusive. Other right-wing politicians, including some cabinet ministers, have marred their colleagues' words by their outspoken dismissal of Japanese war guilt. The external perception of an unapologetic country remains.

Now the powerful Liberal Democratic Party has expressed its opposition to plans to mark the 50th anniversary of the war's end by an "apology resolution" in the Japanese Diet. This can only strengthen doubts about Japanese sincerity. Nearly half the coalition's LDP members in the Diet have signed a statement that a formal apology of this kind would ratify "a distorted view of history". The objectors protest that such a gesture would also expose Japan to claims for compensation beyond the ungenerous sums provided under the 1951 treaty. Despite the strong case for financial review — above all for the survivors among up to 250,000 "comfort women" forced into sex slavery by the Japanese Imperial Army — Japan worries that any precedent could open the floodgates to claims estimated at up to £116 billion. Civil suits are already before Japanese courts.

Such considerations should not be allowed to override the moral imperative of an appropriate gesture in this anniversary year. Were it to be forthcoming from Japan's imperial family, some of whose members are now known to have felt deep anxiety at the time about the conduct of the war, no legal liability would be incurred. Japan has given many proofs of peaceful change since 1945; the continuity expressed through the Imperial Family could in turn help to heal wounds abroad — and to encourage ordinary Japanese to come more fully to terms with a history that cannot be rewritten.

# DUTCH COURAGE

## The people of The Netherlands have stoicism in their blood

The dykes were still holding yesterday, but for hundreds of thousands of Dutch the misery is not over nor is the danger past. The catastrophic floods in the southern provinces of The Netherlands are the worst since the great North Sea floods of 1953, and have brought untold damage.

Record floods have also swamped Cologne and Koblenz, inundated Belgian villages and driven people from their homes in France. Britain, also wet and flooded in parts, knows what they are suffering. But it is to the Dutch that the greatest sympathy goes out: not only because of the special bond of affection that binds this country to The Netherlands, but because of the extraordinary skill of the Dutch over the centuries in keeping river and sea at bay and the catastrophes that have occurred when nature has got the upper hand.

The Dutch have water in their veins. Much of their stoicism in the face of such disaster and the exemplary co-operation between villagers and officials in shoring up the dykes is due to the country's battle for dry land over more than a thousand years. Land has been wrested from the sea, acre by acre, rivers tamed, polders drained and marshes transformed into agricultural land.

The dykes have not only created more living space for the Dutch; they have helped to protect it. In the seventeenth century the Dutch began a massive "Water Line" to hold up attacks from the east. A series of dykes was constructed from Naarden to Biesbos, later strengthened with regular forts. An approaching army could be halted by breaking the river walls and flooding the countryside. The system once kept Louis XIV at bay; but the last attempt to use flooding in self-defence was made during the Second World War.

The waters will go down, and the Dutch will scrub and mend to restore their usual tidy cleanliness. There is a special sympathy in this country for the worst-affected province, Gelderland, for it was here that the doomed Arnhem campaign took place. Then the Dutch sheltered Britain's vanquished soldiers; now they have to shelter their own refugees. They live beside an enemy more capricious than human aggressors; and something of Dutch humility must be traced to this age-old struggle against the elements.

# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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## Popular discontent over closer links with Europe

*From Professor Emeritus Alan Day*

Sir, In arguing that Maastricht "has already created conditions which inevitably will lead to a supranational European state run by an unelected commission in Brussels", Sir James Goldsmith (article, January 27) is much nearer the mark than Mr Geoffrey Martin of the European Commission (letter, January 31).

Despite rumblings of popular discontent, the political elite in almost every member country other than the United Kingdom favours moving to the "ever closer union" of the Rome and Maastricht Treaties — a commitment which the lawyers now tell us is legally binding.

France and Germany envisage a hegemony extending at least as far as the frontiers of the old USSR. The elite of the lesser member countries see an opportunity for playing some kind of role on a larger stage than they could otherwise enjoy.

The commitment to a common currency has every likelihood of being realised soon. It goes far beyond establishing a fixed exchange rate between separate currencies and will be practically irreversible once achieved. It implies a degree of unification of macro-economic policies as tight as that between England and Scotland today.

It will, no doubt, be run along German lines and is being accepted by the French for broader political reasons. The other members are generally prepared to accept the unification of macro-economic policies because their possible range for independent policies is in any case extremely narrow.

Moreover, in practical terms the Union can fairly be seen as being run by the Commission, which proposes policies for national ministers to dispose. Anyone who has worked in a bureaucracy knows that the power lies with those who create the agenda and write the drafts. The Napoleonic system reincarnated by the Rome treaty was tolerable for running a mere customs union. This, we were assured when we joined the Common Market, was all that we were committed to.

It is a disturbingly undemocratic system for running the all-embracing Union into which we are being steadily edged. Pressures such as those outlined above are still pushing us towards a degree of political union which hardly anyone in Britain appears to want.

Yours faithfully,
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*From Mr Ian Curteis*

Sir, Lord Howe and Sir Edward Heath are not two men against whom the charge of loyalty to their party leaders could easily be laid. Nevertheless, their recent statements on Europe (reports, January 30, 31) should be examined with care.

They are among the last of their generation still in semi-public life who experienced the horrors of the Second World War. It is entirely understandable that they would do anything to prevent such a thing happening again.

In precisely the same way, those Britons instrumental in the Munich agreement in 1938 had fresh in their minds the horrors of the First World War and were prepared to impose any sacrifice or sell-out, no matter how dishonourable, to prevent a recurrence.

The result of this shell-shocked policy was war, national shame and disgrace which it took the return of Churchill to reverse — not only for ourselves but for the whole of Europe.

For the third time this century, Germany is seeking to dominate Europe. Another Munich is not the answer.

Yours truly,
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*From Dr Martin Holmes*

Sir, It was with sadness rather than anger that I read Lord Rippon's bizarre attack on the Bruges Group (letter, January 31) as a "fringe organisation".

The truth is the opposite of his assertion. Although it may have been plausible to describe us as a fringe group on our foundation in 1989 — when Mrs Thatcher's approach to Europe scandalised a Europhile Conservative Party — this is surely no longer the case. The Bruges Group is now definitively mainstream, with many of the policies we have advocated now commanding assent at Cabinet as well as back-bench level. Who now favours, for example, ERM membership, which we castigated at the time?

It is an irony that Lord Rippon's accusation should occur on the day you published an extract from Mr Malcolm Rifkind's Eurosceptical speech in Brussels. Nothing demonstrates more clearly that the Bruges Group's approach to Europe now commands an ever-growing support which Lord Rippon strangely seeks to ignore.

I remain, Sir, yours sincerely,
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*From Mr P. J. Riddell*

Sir, I would like to express my concern at the Prime Minister's apparent shift towards "Euro-scepticism".

It is fashionable to say that as a result of European integration it is inconceivable that the countries of Western Europe may find themselves again at war with each other. In view of past history, this is a dangerous assumption to make. I believe that relationships tend to deteriorate unless they are deliberately nourished — be they inter-personal or international. As in all relationships, differences can either lead people to growing together or growing apart.

Other parts of the world look to Europe as a model of how countries can co-operate. If we British could be big enough to put ourselves, with our history and experience, into developing a real community of nations in Europe — a demonstration of very different peoples working together, concerned with the needs of less fortunate peoples — I believe that future generations would have cause to be grateful to us.

"Britain at the heart of Europe" was John Major's phrase — and I wish he would stick to it.

Yours sincerely,
PETER RIDDELL,
12a Norham Road, Oxford.
February 1.

## New resting place for Francis Drake?

*From Mr Michael Turner*

Sir, Today, January 28, is the 399th anniversary of the death of Sir Francis Drake off the coast of Panama. Since 1950 I have been travelling the world retracing the life and voyages of my schoolboy hero, Francis Drake. I have photographed virtually all the places he saw with which he was associated. This has cost me a jailing, two muggings and £50,000 from my salary as a teacher.

Like a parent who has lost a son in battle, I wish to know the exact spot where Sir Francis lies. Just to locate the lead coffin in which he was buried at sea is the main objective of the expedition I am proposing to lead to the Caribbean this summer (report, January 25).

Drake's coffin alone would be of considerable archaeological interest. It is probable that his coat of arms was inscribed on the coffin lid. Some scientists think that the coffin may have been hermetically sealed and might be dry inside. Hermetically sealed coffins are known to have existed since long before Drake's time.

Drake need not be disturbed. It would serve no purpose to raise the coffin if there were no place for him in his own country. If the coffin were visible lying on the hard, sandy seabed and were not to be raised, our expedition could hide Drake for ever from subsequent unauthorised expeditions by moving him towards the shore and permitting him to sink beneath the soft alluvial mud.

After reading all the primary accounts concerning Francis Drake, I feel that I have developed a spiritual relationship with him and am convinced that he would have preferred to rest in his beloved English soil. He was a devout Protestant, who lies beneath waters that lap a Catholic country. Vainglorious, social climber and attention-seeker that he was, he would have wanted a resting place in St Paul's, like Nelson's, or in Westminster Abbey, near his much-loved sovereign. He would have adored the adulation of visitors to his tomb.

Let the definitive search for Sir Francis go ahead. If the coffin cannot be found with today's technology, then this should be the last quest.

Yours sincerely,
MICHAEL TURNER,
7 Rosewood Avenue,
Burnham-on-Sea, Somerset.
January 28.

*From Mrs Jane Jallad*

Sir, I have visited Portobelo in Panama, from where Sir Francis Drake was buried a few miles offshore. It is an area of great beauty and tranquility. The only sound is the breeze from the Caribbean Sea playing through the palm trees.

I should think Drake is turning in his lead coffin at the thought of perhaps being transported to the confines of Westminster Abbey to be serenaded by the chatter of tourists and the honking of horns in Parliament Square. Let him rest in the balmy water off Panama.

Yours faithfully,
JANE JALLAD,
2 Paget Place, Warren Road,
Kingston-upon-Thames, Surrey.

## Legal issues arising out of Private Clegg's conviction

*From Mr Kevin McNamara, MP for Hull North (Labour)*

Sir, Between 1969 and the ceasefires in 1994, British forces were responsible for a total of 357 deaths in Northern Ireland. Only 26 of these killings have given rise to criminal proceedings for murder or manslaughter. Three convictions have been obtained so far, one for manslaughter and two, including Private Lee Clegg (letters, January 21, 24, 25, 26, 28), for murder.

The main problem with the law lies in a very restrictive House of Lords decision from the mid-1970s, which makes it almost impossible for the prosecuting authorities to be reasonably confident that a conviction will be secured if charges are pressed.

On March 3, 1987, the Labour Party sought to amend the Emergency Provisions Act so as to make such prosecutions easier, but the Government resisted the change. On January 31, 1991, when the Act was again before the House, the Labour Party suggested an amendment which would have allowed the bringing of a manslaughter charge in a case like Private Clegg's. Once again, this was resisted by the Government in a whipped vote in committee.

Is it now too late to ask the Government to follow the Labour Party lead on this matter?

Yours sincerely,
KEVIN McNAMARA
(Shadow Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, 1987-94),
House of Commons.
January 31.

*From Sir Louis Blom-Cooper, QC*

Sir, The dangers of leaving the sentencing of convicted murderers to the Secretary of State, to which Lord Ackner alludes in his letter of January 26, are less apparent in the case of Private Clegg than in cases where the conviction is by jury.

Unlike a jury's verdict of murder, which is unexplained and gives no indication of the moral obliquity of the particular criminal event, Mr Justice Campbell's reasoned judgment, in *R v Clegg* (report, June 5, 1993), fully upheld by the Northern Ireland Court of Appeal and the House of Lords, will be of great assistance to the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland. It will also allow members of the public to judge accurately the force of any plea for clemency.

Yours faithfully,
LOUIS BLOM-COOPER,
2 Ripplevale Grove, N1.
January 29.

*From His Honour A. L. Figgis*

Sir, Private Clegg was tried, not by a jury, but by what is known as a Diplock court. One appreciates that such a court has been necessary in the conditions of Northern Ireland; but it must be borne in mind that such a court deprives a defendant of what has been described, by a wise judge, as one of his important rights — that of the chance of being tried by a sympathetic jury.

There are a great many who have more experience of jury trials than I have, but I feel sure that the view of nearly all of them, on the evidence that has been published, would be that a jury would almost certainly have acquitted Private Clegg of murder.

I am sure that this is a factor that will be taken into account by whoever has to exercise a discretion as to his future.

Yours faithfully,
ARTHUR FIGGIS,
The Forge, The Green,
Shamley Green, Guildford, Surrey.
February 1.

*From Captain Roger Hamilton*

Sir, Professor Philip Rhodes's concern (letter, January 28) at the "difference between the law and justice which the legal system seems incapable of recognising" is, with respect, misplaced. No practising lawyer has any difficulty in making the distinction.

Law is what wins in court; it is (or should be) ascertainable and its outcome affected only by the presentation of adequate and admissible evidence. Justice is a subjective concept seen in as many different guises as there are observers.

When a convicted IRA criminal jumps bail in Ireland or is freed in the United States as a "political prisoner" of the British, he hails it as a victory for justice; he knows that either event is in breach of the law by which he was tried.

One of the reasons why we do not have a Minister of Justice is that we have for centuries recognised not only the philosophical difference between law and justice, but the practical impossibility of reconciling the two when they appear to conflict.

Yours truly,
R. HAMILTON,
West Dean, Salisbury, Wiltshire.
January 28.

*From Mr R. le N. Noble*

Sir, Private Clegg's conviction suggests that the law believes that the joyrider's car ought not to have been fired upon as it went through the checkpoint. In other words, any car can go through any checkpoint provided it is not driven threateningly at anyone. If that is so, what on earth is the purpose of checkpoints?

Yours faithfully,
R. le N. NOBLE,
Leitir, Drumrunie,
Ullapool, Ross-shire.

## Thieves of a feather

*From Mr Garth ap Rees*

Sir, "What," asks Bernard Levin ("The way we thieve now", January 24), "is the meaning of the thefts and swindles played upon generous people who do nothing but help those who need help?"

One answer is that National Service ended in 1960, since when self-service has increasingly taken over any other form of service or national interest.

Yours sincerely,
GARTH ap REES,
Cranhill House, Piers Road,
West Cranmore, Somerset.
January 24.

*From Mr J. G. Stanford*

Sir, Why should Mr Levin be so mystified that the eighth commandment is now so little respected when few, if any, of the other nine are, or are even taught?

Yours faithfully,
J. G. STANFORD,
The Old Rectory, Tendring, Essex.

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## Putting on the hype

*From Mr Andrew Rutherford*

Sir, Bernard Levin clearly relished savaging the advertising business ["Imagine: Levin & Levin", January 20; see also letter, January 28], but then journalists nearly always do.

It could, of course, be resentment at the influence advertisers hold over their beloved journals.

But I suspect there's a deeper reason for the constant diatribes against us.

In the pecking order of scribblers, the media hack sees himself some way below real writers like the chap who wrote *Hamlet*, the brilliant play, and some way above copywriters like the chap who wrote Hamlet, the brilliant cigar commercials.

He may be right or wrong on both counts but the temptation to move from the defensive to the offensive, to pass on some of the disdain visited on his own profession, is obviously irresistible.

Yours etc,
ANDREW RUTHERFORD
(Copywriter),
105 Dulwich Village, SE21.
January 23.

## Bygone values

*From Mr Robert Vincent*

Sir, In what seems an attempt to return some way towards Victorian values a nearby village is currently engaged in replacing its modern telephone kiosk with an antiquated red model, reasoning that it will be more in keeping with the village's thatched-cottage image.

Including underground cabling, this change will call for more than £4,500 of ratepayers' money. I have suggested that should such retrogressive impulses infect other parishes, they finance them by neglecting repairs to the intrusive, latter-day tarmacadam of their village street. In time this also would revert to a state more in keeping with thatched dwellings.

Meanwhile one wonders, in this march against modernity, what future economies may be recommended to help turn back their environmental clock.

Yours faithfully,
ROBERT VINCENT,
Dilly House,
Wildhern, Andover, Hampshire.
January 26.

## Music exams

*From the Chief Executive of Trinity College London*

Sir, On what basis, I wonder, does the Associated Board of the Royal Schools of Music come to the conclusion that the teaching of practical musicianship using the electronic keyboard is at present of too low a standard to warrant any formal assessment of attainment ("Fortissimo Britain lacks a piano", Arts, January 25)?

I believe that there are hundreds of dedicated teachers of music who could challenge such an assertion — and it may be helpful to them to know that this college has already acknowledged the popularity of the electronic keyboard as a means of introducing children to the world of music in classrooms up and down the country.

In such a situation it seemed entirely appropriate to design and launch, in 1994, a suite of graded examinations for the electronic keyboard alongside our provision for other more traditional instruments.

If a question mark does exist with regard to the quality of teaching, then the syllabus for these examinations will provide an important aid towards the improvement of standards.

I can think of no more useful function for an examinations board to perform.

Yours faithfully,
JOHN DAVEY,
Chief Executive,
Trinity College London,
16 Park Crescent, W1.
January 25.

## Crossed line?

*From Mrs Diana Whittington*

Sir, Sir Iain Vallance, of BT, must regret his company's advertising slogan — "It's good to talk".

Yours faithfully,
DIANA WHITTINGTON,
Burchetts, Chobham, Surrey.
February 1.

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# COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
February 1: The Princess Royal, President, the Chartered Institute of Transport, this morning attended the Sheffield Section seventy fifth Anniversary Lecture at the Royal Victoria Holiday Inn, Sheffield, and was received by the Earl of Scarbrough (Vice Lord-Lieutenant of South Yorkshire).

Her Royal Highness, Patron, Spinal Injuries Association, this afternoon opened the new Spinal Injuries Unit, Northern General Hospital, Sheffield.

The Princess Royal, Honorary Fellow, the Institution of Electrical Engineers, this evening attended the Faraday Lecture at the Royal Albert Hall, London SW7.

Lady Carew Pole was in attendance.

ST JAMES'S PALACE
February 1: The Prince of Wales, accompanied by the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food (the Rt Hon William Waldegrave, MP), this morning held discussions with the Agricultural Reform Group and gave a Luncheon for the group at St James's Palace.

His Royal Highness, Honorary Patron, the Association of Marshall Scholars, Inc. this evening gave a Reception to mark the fortieth Anniversary of the British Marshall Scholarships at St James's Palace.

KENSINGTON PALACE
February 1: The Duchess of Gloucester this morning presented the British Telecom Young Deaf Achievers Awards at the Café Royal, Regent Street, London W1.

Mrs Howard Page was in attendance.

YORK HOUSE
ST JAMES'S PALACE
February 1: The Duchess of Kent, Patron, the Christie Hospital, this evening attended a reception and dinner, St James's Palace, London SW1.

Mrs Richard Beckett was in attendance.

THATCHED HOUSE LODGE
RICHMOND PARK
February 1: Princess Alexandra this afternoon visited St James Independent School for Girls, 19 Pembridge Villas, London W11.

The Lady Nicholas Gordon Lennox was in attendance.

## Birthdays today

Mr Roger Brooke, chairman, Candover Investments, 64; Mr Ken Bruce, broadcaster, 44; Sir Gordon Bryce, former Chief Justice of the Bahamas, 82; the Earl of Clarendon, 62; Dr Macdonald Critchley, neurologist, 95; Mr Andrew Davis, conductor, 51; the Rev Dr Victor de Waal, former Dean of Canterbury, 66; Sir Robert Douglas, founder Douglas Group of Companies, 96; Lord Eatwell, 50; Mr Abba Eban, Israeli politician, 80; Dr Tony Flower, economist, 44; Sir Norman Fowler, MP, 57; M Valéry Giscard d'Estaing, former President of France, 69; Mr Hughie Green, broadcaster, 75; Mr H.V. Hughes, former Principal, Royal Agricultural College, Cirencester, 69; Mr David Jason, actor, 55; Mr David Jones, chief executive, NEXT, 52; Sir Chips Keswick, chairman, Hambros Bank, 55; Dame Alix Meynell, former civil servant, 92; Miss Elaine Stritch, actress, 68.

## Colonel P.R. Adair

A Service of Thanksgiving for the life of Colonel Paul Robin Adair, LVO, will be held on Thursday, February 16, at noon at the Guards Chapel. Those wishing to park in Wellington Barracks should contact Regimental Headquarters, Coldstream Guards.

## Appointments in the Forces

**The Army**

COLONEL: R M H Phillip - to 22 Fd Hosp, 26.1.95; R C Menzies - to HQ LONDIST, 30.1.95.

LIEUTENANT COLONEL: J Blackburn RA CH D - to HQ WALES and WDIST, 4.2.95; J R W Dutton RA - to RSA, 30.1.95; C R Romberg RA - to HQ WALES and WDIST, 30.1.95; E M Walter AGC(SPS) - to RCB, 30.1.95; R Watt RE - to HQ UKLF, 30.1.95; J E Knowles RLC - to HQ RLC Trg Cen & Deepcut Gar, 30.1.95; A J E Malcolm WG - to MoD, 1.2.95; T E Stevens INT CORPS - to MoD, 1.2.95; E G Jones RADC - to PHDCS, 16.1.95; J R Jones RADC - to 7 Dent Gp, 16.1.95; C W Lyon Dean RAMC - to RSS, 23.1.95.

**Retirements**

BRIGADIER: J M Roulstone WRAC, 4.2.95.

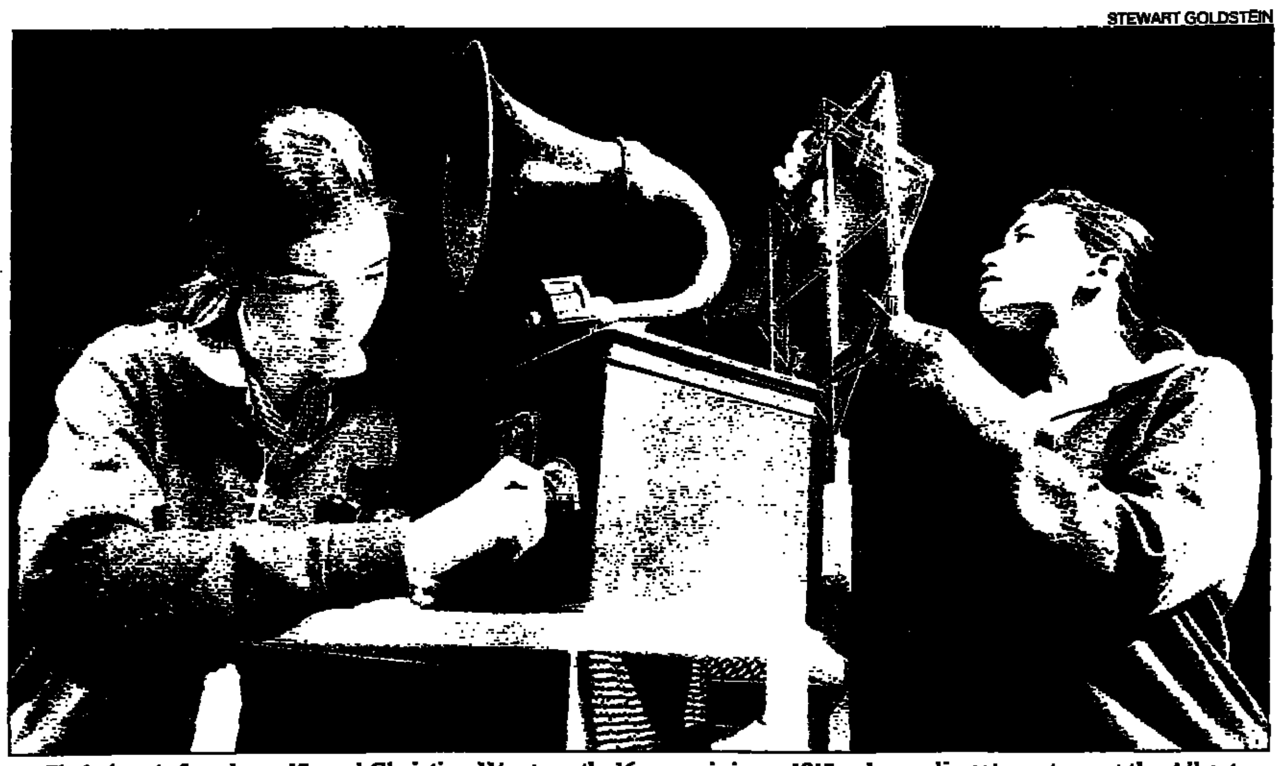
COLONEL: M A Evans, late RE, 5.2.95.

## Premium Bonds

The £1 million prize in the Premium Bond draw for February was won with bond number 27HW 345065. The winner lives in Edinburgh, and has a bond holding of £6,000.

## Appointment

Judge Frank Brian Smedley, QC, to be a Justice of the High Court.



STEWART GOLDSTEIN

Christina Arfuredson, 15, and Christina Wentworth, 16, examining a 1915 valve radio set on stage at the Albert Hall yesterday. The girls, from the Francis Holland School, London SW1, were among the 11,000 young people who joined the Princess Royal, an Honorary Fellow of the Institution of Electrical Engineers, for the institution's Faraday Lecture, which traced the development of radio from its 19th-century origins to today

## Today's royal engagements

The Prince of Wales will visit Fuller, Smith and Turner, the Chiswick brewers, to meet directors and employees and to launch their 150th anniversary year at Chiswick Lane South, W4, at 10.20; as President of the Prince's Trust, will visit the Fulham Training Workshops at 3A Bute Gardens, 212 Hammersmith Road, W6, at 11.55; and, as Patron of the William Walton Foundation, will attend a performance of *Troilus and Cressida* at the Royal Opera House at 7.20.

Prince Edward, as Trustee of the Duke of Edinburgh's Award, will attend a presentation and dinner at St James's Palace at 7.30.

The Princess Royal, as President of the Save the Children Fund, will visit the Deptford Family Resource Unit, Deptford Strand, London SE8 at 10.30; will visit the fund shop at Unit 3, 8/10 Passey Place, SE9, at 11.45; and, as Patron of SENSE, the National Deafblind and Rubella Association, will visit the SENSE shop at 189 Broadway, Bexleyheath, Kent, at 12.30.

Princess Alexandra will open the CT scanning suite and the renal dialysis unit at West Middlesex University Hospital, Twickenham Road, Isleworth, at 2.00.

## Luncheons

**HM Government**
Mr Malcolm Rifkind, QC, Secretary of State for Defence, was the host at a luncheon given yesterday by Her Majesty's Government at Admiralty House in honour of the Defence Minister of Slovenia.

**Arts Council of England**
The Earl of Gowrie, Chairman of the Arts Council of England, was the host yesterday at a luncheon held at 14 Great Peter Street, SW1.

## Terra Nova School

The Governors of Terra Nova School are pleased to announce the appointment of Mr Robin Lewis as their Headmaster.

## University news

**Cambridge**
St Catharine's College
Elected into a professorial fellowship from October 1, 1995: Robert Patterson Gordon, Regius Professor-elect of Hebrew.

Elected into official fellowships from October 1, 1995: Anthony Peter Davenport, University Lecturer in Clinical Pharmacology; John Grandage, University Clinical Veterinary Anatomist.

# Memorial service

**Professor Sir Brian Windeyer**
A service of thanksgiving for the life of Professor Sir Brian Windeyer, former Vice-Chancellor, London University, was held yesterday at All Souls, Langham Place. The Rev Richard Bewes officiated and the Rev Paul Kinsey, a Chaplain at the Middlesex Hospital, lead the prayers. Mr Bruce Windeyer, son, and Dr Margaret Spittle, Dean of the Faculty of Clinical Oncology, Royal College of Radiologists, read the lessons. Sir William Slack gave an address.

The University of London Church Choir sang Fauré's *Pie Jesu*. Among those present were:

Lady Windeyer (widow), Mr and Mrs John Brand (son-in-law and daughter), Mrs Bruce Windeyer (daughter-in-law), Mr Peter Windeyer (grandson), Mr Miles Whitelock (brother-in-law), Mrs Humphrey Windeyer (sister-in-law), Mrs Oldfield, Mr Hugh Whitelock, Dr and Mrs Tom Greenwood and other members of the family.

Lord Bancroft, Irene Lady Astor of Hever, the Hon Hugh Astor, Sir Christopher Paine (president, Royal College of Radiologists) and Lady Paine, Sir Rodney Sweetnam (representing the Royal College of Surgeons), Sir Colin Dollery (representing the Vice-Chancellor, London University), Sir Gordon and Lady Wolstenholme, Sir Douglas and Lady Ranger, Sir Alan and Lady Sloman, Sir Alastair and Lady Aird, Professor Sir David Smithers, Sir Thomas Lodge, Sir John Ellis, Lady Logan, Lady Slack, Sir David Money-Coutts, Lady Bean, Sir David Innes Williams.

Professor and Mrs L P Le Quesne, Dr S E T Cusdin, Professor Alan Bevan, Mr Stuart Steele, Dr Richard Turner-Warwick, Dr and Mrs K Duncan, Dr Anne Huggins, Mr and Mrs F D Pilling, Mr and Mrs Paul Vowles, Miss Muriel Skeet, Professor V Logue, Professor C J Dickinson, Professor and Mrs Michael Harrison, Mr and Mrs H J Dunster, Mrs S M Cassels, Professor Rhys Davies, Dr Jane Davey, Dr and Mrs Christopher Holborow, Professor and Mrs R J Berry, Professor Peter Campbell, Professor J R Pattison, Mrs G P R Esdale, Mr R Lloyd-Jones, Mr and Mrs Richard Astor, Miss Elizabeth Astor, Professor R H Clarke, Professor N Woolf, Professor E W Walls, Mr and Mrs G K Buckley, Professor T W Glenister, Dr Malcolm Chapman, Mrs Jill Steele, Dr David Foster, Professor Norman Ashton, Mr William Southwood, Dr Norman Ramsay, Mr and Mrs David Matthews, Dr T W Backhouse, Professor and Mrs W H Barber, Professor Arthur Jones, Professor and Mrs R J Berry, Professor N M Bleehen, Professor and Mrs R E Steiner, Dr J R Stewart, Mrs Elizabeth-Ann Lawrie-Chiswell, Professor M W Adler, Miss Yolanda Calvocoressi, Mrs Norman Adamson.

Professor Charles Brook (University College London Hospitals Medical Committee), Mr David Clarke (special trustee, Middlesex Hospital), Mr Eric Earle (Institute of Education), Mr Drummond Leslie (representing the Committee of Vice Chancellors and Principals of the Universities of the United Kingdom) with Mr David Anderson Evans; Mr W R Murray (University of London Union), Professor Bernard Wood (Department of Human Anatomy, Liverpool University), Dr Sheila Howarth (Medical Research Council), Mr Paul Sturgess (Marie Curie Memorial Foundation), Mr A K S Franks (chairman, Royal Hospital and Home Putney) with Brigadier Vernon Beauchamp (chief executive); Professor Barrie Jay (Society of Apothecaries of London) and Mr Victor Thompson (president, Shore Old Boys Union, London Group) with Mr James Gabriel (secretary).

# Latest wills

Sir John Towersy **Lidbury**, of Farnham, Surrey, vice-chairman of the Hawker Siddeley Group 1974-83, left estate valued at £477,950 net.

Sally Mary Caroline **Belfrage**, of London W9, the author, left estate in England and Wales valued at £775,506 net.

Mr David Joseph **Burns**, of Onehunga, New Zealand, left estate in England and Wales valued at £2,235,980 gross, net same.
He left all his real and personal estate situated in the UK to the Jewish Philanthropic Association for Israel and the Middle East.

Rear Admiral Sir John **Fleming**, of Haslemere, Surrey, meteorologist, and Director of the Naval Education Service 1956-60, left estate valued at £180,738 net.

Major Frederick **Myatt**, of Longbridge Deverill, Wiltshire, who won an immediate MC on Christmas Day, 1944, at Sino, Burma, while serving with the 8th Battalion Gold Coast Regiment, left estate valued at £111,656 net.

Jeanne Elizabeth **Freedman**, of South Croydon, Surrey, left estate valued at £500,943 net.
She left £10,000 to personal legatees, £5,000 each to the "Distressed Gentlemen's Home", RSPCA, Dr Barnardo's, the London Symphony Orchestra and Age Concern, £2,000 to the Donkey Sanctuary, Sidmouth, and the residue to her executor to distribute to charity.

Mr Denis Allen **Senior**, of Henley on Thames, Oxfordshire, left estate valued at £2,016,093 net.
He left £10,000 each to the Imperial Cancer Research Fund, British Heart Foundation and Salvation Army.

Other estates include (net before tax):

Joan Lucy **Spencer**, of Northwood, Middlesex.................. £3,239,038.
Mrs Eileen **Stais**, of London NW8........................ £2,468,065.
Ella Alice **Winn**, of Leicester £2,020,679.
Mrs Emily Margery **Pitt**, of Reigate, Surrey .......... £1,897,046.
Mr Thomas Derrick Ponsonby **Lewes**, of Llandyssul, Dyfed £1,776,106.
Mr Francis Byrne **Nunney**, of Norwich............................ £1,466,783.
Mr Geoffrey Ronald **Johnson**, of London W1 .................... £961,040.
Mrs Estelle Lillian Hannah **Montague**, of London W8 £942,188.
Mrs Polly **Pomson**, of London NW4................................ £1,166,989.

## Lecture

**British Institute in Eastern Africa**
Dr David W. Phillipson, President of the British Institute in Eastern Africa, delivered a lecture to the institute at the British Academy last night. Professor John Evans presided.

# Forthcoming marriages

**Mr P.P.S. Beer and Miss C.J. Rowntree**
The engagement is announced between Philip, younger son of Mr and Mrs Ian Beer, of Minchinhampton, Gloucestershire, and Kate, daughter of Mrs Susan Rowntree, of Wimborne, Dorset and the late Mr Giles Rowntree.

**Mr M.J. Bourne and Miss E.C. Boucher**
The engagement is announced between Mark, son of Mr and Mrs Robin Bourne, of Meopham, Kent, and Emma, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Hugh Boucher, of Newnham, Kent.

**Dr P.L. Cornelissen and Dr K.M. Wood**
The engagement is announced between Piers Louis, son of Mr and Mrs Douglas Cornelissen, of Radlett, Hertfordshire, and Katrina Mackay, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Alistair Wood, of Wrexham, Clwyd.

**Mr T.M.P. Healy and Miss E.F.C. Hardy**
The engagement is announced between Timothy, son of Mr and Mrs Thomas Healy, of Bodsham, Kent, and Emma, daughter of Major General and Mrs John Hardy, of London, W11.

**Mr J.M. Jeffes and Miss F.C. Primavera**
The engagement is announced between Jonathan Mark, son of Professor and Mrs J.H.E. Jeffes, and Francesca Clara, daughter of Mr Luigi Primavera and Mrs Eileen Primavera.

**Mr R.A.S. Mallinson and Miss F.M. Hunter-Craig**
The engagement is announced between Roland, youngest son of Mr and Mrs Terence Mallinson, of London, W2, and Fiona, twin daughter of Mr and Mrs Ian Hunter-Craig, of Reigate, Surrey.

**Mr A. Christensen and Miss C.F. Fuller**
The engagement is announced between Allan, son of the late Mr Finn Christensen and of Mrs Finn Christensen, of Copenhagen, and Camilla Fleetwood, daughter of Mr and Mrs Anthony Fuller, of Little Chalfield, Melksham, Wiltshire.

**Squadron Leader P.H. Cox and Miss T.J.K. McCree**
The engagement is announced between Tabatha, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs James D. McCree, of West Chiltington, West Sussex, and Philip, elder son of Mr and Mrs John H. Cox, of Chelmsford, Essex. The marriage will take place in September 1996.

**Flight Lieutenant A.J.E. MacInnes and Dr A.H.K. McMillan**
The engagement is announced between Edward, son of Wing Commander David MacInnes, retd, and Mrs MacInnes, of Staveley, Yorkshire, and Alexandra, younger daughter of the late Mr Alexander McMillan and of Mrs Honor McMillan, of Tunbridge Wells, Kent.

**Mr J.D. Mazierski and Miss R.A. Cross**
The engagement is announced between Jan, only son of Mr Janusz Mazierski and the late Mrs Mary Mazierski, of Maidstone, Kent, and Ruth, youngest daughter of Mr Eric Cross and the late Mrs Margaret Cross, of Chigwell, Essex.

**Mr K.B. Welby and Miss C. Potter**
The engagement is announced between Kenneth, elder son of Mr Crispin Welby, of Reichelsheim, Germany, and of Mrs Marina Welby, of Abingdon, Oxfordshire, and Camilla, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs David Potter, of Guildford, Surrey.

# Church news

**Appointments**

The Rev Geoffrey Blackwell, permission to officiate Lewes area: to be Priest-in-charge (NSM), Burpham (Chichester).

The Rev Howard Camm, Curate, Seaham (Durham): to be Team Vicar, Brighton the Resurrection (Chichester).

The Rev Philip Davies, Curate, St George, Gravesend: to be Vicar, St Mark, Rosherville (Rochester).

The Rev Paul Ensor, Rector, Brandon w Santon Downham and Elveden (St Edmundsbury and Ipswich): to be Vicar, St Olave, Mitcham (Southwark).

The Rev Canon Michael Fisher, Vicar, St Anta and All Saints, Carbis Bay w St Uny, Lelant: to be Vicar, Newquay (Truro).

The Rev Roy Goodchild, Vicar, Ticehurst and Flimwell: now *also* Rural Dean of Rotherfield (Chichester).

The Rev Noelle Hall, Curate, Reculver and St Bartholomew, Herne Bay: to be Priest-in-charge, St Mary, Sittingbourne (Canterbury).

The Rev Matthew Harrison, Curate, St James, Owton Manor (Durham): to be Assistant Chaplain, St George's, Paris (Europe).

The Rev Richard Hayes, Curate, St Peter w Christ Church and St Matthew, Southborough (Rochester): to be Assistant Curate, Christ Church, Downend (Bristol).

The Rev Henry Heath, Curate (NSM), East and West Mersea: to be Rector, Stanway (Chelmsford).

The Rev Charles Kerr, Priest-in-charge, Burton Pidsea and Humbleton w Elsternwick: to be Vicar, St Mark, Anlaby (York).

The Rev Brian Lea, Vicar, Chiddingly w East Hoathly (Chichester): now *also* an Honorary Canon of Gibraltar Cathedral (Europe).

The Rev Peter Lockyer, Curate, Beaconsfield Team Ministry (Oxford): to be Assistant Chaplain, HM Youth Custody Centre, Glen Parva (Leicester).

The Rev Christopher Loveless, Curate, Willington: to be Curate, Goring-by-Sea (Chichester).

The Rev John Owen, Vicar, St Leonard's and St Ives (Winchester): to be Rector, North Stoneham, same diocese.

**Resignations and retirements**

The Rev Graham Burrows, Team Vicar, St Catherine, Horwich (Manchester): resigned as from December 31 1994.

The Rev Norman Clarke, Priest-in-charge, Cheriton Bishop and Dunsford w Doddiscombsleigh (Exeter): to retire as from June 5.

The Rev Michael Clayton, Curate, Christchurch, with responsibility for All Saints, Mudeford (Winchester): to retire as from March 31.

The Rev Brian Harris, Vicar, Hemingbrough (York): to take early retirement on health grounds.

The Rev Gordon Ikin, Vicar, St James, Thornham (Manchester): to retire as from February 28.

The Rev Barbara Lydon, Priest-in-charge, Kellington w Whitley Bridge (Wakefield): to retire as from March 31.

The Rev Canon Ian McFie, Vicar, Christ Church, Walmsley (Bolton) (Manchester): to retire as from January 31.

The Rev Anthony Prescott, Assistant Curate (NSM), St Mark, Washwood Heath (Birmingham): to retire as from May 31.

The Rev Michael Smith, Rector, Silverton and Butterleigh, in charge of Bickleigh and Cadeleigh (Exeter): to resign as from April 30.

The Rev Brian Wigley, Chaplain, City Hospital NHS Trust, Dudley Road, Birmingham (Birmingham): to retire as from February 28.

The Rev Trevor Woodbridge, Vicar, Aylesbeare, Rockbeare, Farringdon, Clyst Honiton and Sowton (Exeter): to retire as from June 30.

**Other appointment**

Dr Matthew Lavis: to be Diocesan Secretary, diocese of Ely, succeeding Mr David Phillips.

# Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Lodovici Ferrari, mathematician, Bologna, 1594; Nell Gwyn, actress and mistress of King Charles II, Hereford, 1650; Sir Joseph Banks, naturalist, London, 1743; Hannah More, evangelist and educator, Fishponds, Bristol, 1745; Charles Maurice de Talleyrand-Périgord, statesman, Périgord, France, 1754; Daniel Maclise, painter, Cork, baptised this day, 1806; Henry Havelock Ellis, physician and writer, Croydon, London, 1859; Fritz Kreisler, violinist, Vienna, 1875; James Joyce, novelist, Dublin, 1882; James Stephens, poet and novelist, Dublin, 1882; Jascha Heifetz, violinist, Vilna, 1901.

DEATHS: Baldasarre Castiglione, diplomat and writer, Toledo, 1529; Giovanni Palestrina, composer, Rome, 1594; Francis Hayman, painter, London, 1776; Richard Henry Dana, poet, Boston, Massachusetts, 1879; Dmitri Mendeleyev, chemist, Leningrad, 1907; John L. Sullivan, bare knuckle fighter, Abington, Massachusetts, 1918; Sir Owen Seaman, editor of *Punch* 1906-32, London, 1936; the Rev James Owen Hannay (George Birmingham), novelist, London, 1950; Buddy Holly, singer and songwriter, died in an aircrash, near Mason City, Iowa, 1959; Bertrand Russell, 3rd Earl Russell, mathematician and philosopher, Plas Penrhyn, Merionethshire, 1970; George Whipple, pathologist, Nobel laureate 1934, New York, 1976.

Ireland was represented in the British Parliament for the first time, 1801.

Greece declared war on Turkey, 1878.

The state funeral of Queen Victoria, 1901.

Major General Idi Amin declared himself the absolute ruler of Uganda, 1971.

The British Embassy in Dublin was besieged and burnt down, 1972.

# Statue found in sea may be Greek masterpiece

A BRONZE statue raised from the Aegean Sea last month may be the work of the great Greek sculptor Praxiteles (Norman Hammond writes).

The statue, which dates from the early Hellenistic period of the late 4th or early 3rd century BC, resembles a Roman copy of a work long attributed to the Greek master.

The find was made in the waters off the island of Kalymnos by a fisherman, and is now in a tank of water in Athens awaiting conservation and study. The figure is of a woman, clothed and with one arm folded across her chest. It stands some two metres high, one of a handful of ancient Greek bronzes this large. "It is a unique find, the only statue of its kind that dates back to the early Hellenistic period," Dimitris Kazianis, director of underwater archaeology in Greece, said. "We are inclined to believe that it may be the work of a great sculptor."

Mr Kazianis noted the resemblances to a statue from Herculaneum thought to be based on a work by Praxiteles, whose style is marked by soft, sweeping lines and perfection in the modelling of face and hair. He was imitated by many later artists, but the Kalymnos find, whoever made it, seems to be an original of quality.

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CHALK - On 26th January, to Mary (née Caulfield) and Andrew, a beautiful baby boy, Bernard Jack, a brother for Alexander.

COHEN - Richard and Natacha (née Bujas) are delighted to announce the safe arrival of baby snake - a beautiful daughter (Heidi Elena) born on 26th January 1995.

LEIGH-COLLYER - On 30th January 1995, to Phillipa (née Marshall) and Neil, a beautiful daughter, Lucy.

McNEILL - On February 1st, to Anne (née Sparling) and Martin, a son, David Julius Martin.

PAGE - On January 30th, to Deirdre (née Davis) and Jonathan, a son, John Henry, a brother for Edmund.

RIGBY - On 28th January, to Sarah (née Gridley) and Jeremy, a daughter, Elizabeth Sarah, a sister for Benjamin and Sebastian.

SMITH - On January 3rd 1995, to Paula and Simon, a daughter, Elizabeth Anne, a sister for Sam and George.

TILLMAN - On 23rd January, to Roger and Gillian (née McAllister), a daughter, Sophie Rebecca, a sister for Katie.

WRIGHT - On 27th January, to Lucy (née Carr) and Iain, a daughter, Kezia Anna Florence, a sister for Daphne.

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**DEATHS**

ANSCHEL - Gerty, on February 1st at The Middlesex Hospital, peacefully. Beloved wife of Klaus and devoted mother of Miriam and Danny. Funeral Service at Golders Green Crematorium (East Chapel) on Friday February 3rd at 11.45 am. All enquiries to H.J. Bent & Co, Funeral Directors, tel: (081) 969-1170.

ASHTON - Judith Ann, on January 29th 1995, peacefully in Wem, Shropshire, aged 47 years. Private cremation service, followed by a Service of Thanksgiving at Wem Parish Church on Wednesday February 8th at 12 noon. No flowers by request; but donations if desired to The British Red Cross Society. Enquiries please to Grindalls of Wem, tel: (0745) 362024.

BARNETT - On January 30th, peacefully at home, Rosemary Elvira, aged 75 years. Service on Friday, February 10th, 2 pm, at Mortlake Crematorium, Kew Meadow Path, Townmead Road, Richmond, Surrey. Family flowers only. Donations to: Action Aid c/o The Rev. D.W. Chisholm, 32 Herons Place, Marlow, Bucks. SL7 3HP.

BLACK - Jane, on 30th January at Princess Alice Hospice, Esher, younger daughter of the late Colonel Sir Henry and Lady Darlington, darling wife of Alastair, mother of Rupert, Susie and Sarah and grandmother of Helena, Daisy, Nina and Freya. Funeral at All Saints, Ockham, on Wednesday 8th February at 11.30 am, followed by private cremation. Flowers to James & Thomas, 45 East Lane, West Horsley, Surrey.

CARLSON - On 29th January, peacefully at the North London Hospice after a long illness bravely borne, Edward Carlson aged 73, beloved husband of Alexandra and much loved father of Ian and Charles, father-in-law of Cristina and Monica, and grandfather of Alexandra. Funeral on 7th February 1995 at St Philip's Church, Gravel Hill, London N3. Enquiries to Kelly's, Funeral Directors, tel: (081) 346-0174. Family flowers only. Donations to North London Hospice, 47, Woodside Avenue, London N12.

CLARE - Alan Edward, Lloyds of London. After a long brave battle, Alan passed away peacefully with his family at his bedside on 31st January at the London Clinic. A loving husband, father, son and grandad who will be greatly missed. Thanksgiving Service to be held at Leavesden Road Baptist Church, Watford, on Tuesday 7th February at 1.30 pm. Family flowers only, donations if desired to Cancer Research, South West Hospice Appeal or Leavesden Road Baptist Church Building Fund. Enquiries to C.R.S. Funeral Services, 180 St Albans Road, Watford, Herts., tel: (01923) 241499.

COOMBS - Allen (Doc), on January 30th, peacefully at home in the midst of his family, loving husband of Vera, much loved and missed by all who knew him. Funeral at St Bartholomew's Church, Yealmpton, Plymouth, Devon, on 6th February at 1.30 pm. Family flowers only please. Donations, if desired, for The Red Cross may be sent to Allan James Funeral Directors, Sandaway, Brixton, Plymouth, Devon.

D'COSTA - Clifford James (Sonny) passed away peacefully, on Friday 27th January 1995, at St Peter's Residence, aged 85 years. Beloved husband of Marjorie, much loved dad of Connie, Guy, Vernon and Peter and dear brother, grandad and father-in-law. Funeral service at St. Peter's Residence, 2A Meadow Road, South Lambeth on Tuesday 7th February at 11.15 am, thereafter to Streatham Park Cemetery. All relatives and friends respectfully invited. Family flowers only, please. Donations, in lieu, if desired, to St. Peter's Residence.

DURRELL - Gerald Malcolm O.B.E., passed peacefully away at the General Hospital, Jersey, on Monday 30th January 1995 aged 70 years. Beloved husband of Lee. Will be greatly missed by his sister Margo, and all his family and friends. A private funeral has taken place in Jersey. Donations in lieu of flowers, may be sent to The Gerald Durrell Memorial Fund, c/o The J.W.P.T. Les Augres Manor, Trinity, Jersey (Cheques payable to The Gerald Durrell Memorial Fund/J.W.P.T.). All enquiries please to H.W. Maillard & Son Ltd. Funeral Directors, tel: (0534) 37291.

GLEDHILL - On February 1st 1995, suddenly, but peacefully in Staffordshire. Cecil Bertram John, born 15th April 1899. At his request no Memorial, funeral private.

HANDASYDE DICK - On 29th January, suddenly in Devon, George Handasyde Dick OBE (Geordie) aged 79 years, beloved husband, father and grandfather. Service and cremation at the Efford Crematorium, Plymouth, on Wednesday 8th February at 12 noon. No flowers please but if desired donations to Ocean Youth Club SW area, c/o KPMG Peat Marwick, Phoenix House, Notte Street, Plymouth, PL1 2RT.

KING - Roger, much loved husband of Bunty and father of Kate, Charlotte and Georgina, on Monday 30th January after a very brave, short fight against cancer. Service at St Jude's-on-the-Hill, Hampstead Garden Suburb at 10.15 am Monday 6th February, followed by private family burial. Family flowers only, but donations if desired to Dr. Barnados or Imperial Cancer Research.

MORRIS - Mary Ellen, aged 87, at St Vincent's Hospital, Dublin, on 28th January. Wife of the late Dr. K.C. Morris of Stamford-le-Hope and mother of the late Mary Oliver and John. Much loved grandmother of Christiana, Kenneth, Jane, Lucy, Thomas, Mary Ellen and Patrick. Requiem Mass 12 noon 1st February, Church of the Holy Cross, Dundrum, Dublin. Funeral to be arranged at St Joseph's Catholic Church, Stanford-le-Hope. Funeral Directors L.E. Brand & Sons, Stanford-le-Hope.

MUNRO - On 27th January 1995, Dr. Ian M. Munro, beloved husband of the late much loved Nancy (née Watson). The cherished uncle of Dr. Donald Munro of Basingstoke and his wife Susan, great-uncle of Fiona, Clare and Camilla. Private cremation has already taken place. Donations, if desired, to St Michael's Church, Basingstoke, RG21 1QW.

NIXSEAMAN - Suddenly but peacefully at her home in Dickleburgh, Norfolk, on 30th January, Elizabeth Marion aged 68, wife of David and mother of Helen and Andrew. Funeral at All Saints Church, Dickleburgh, on Saturday 4th February at 12 noon. Family flowers only.

ORCHARD - Edith Marie, on 28th January at Midhurst. Aged 98. Widow of the late William C. Orchard. Funeral Guildford Crematorium at 2pm 7th February.

PERRY - Mary Thrift. On 31st January 1995, peacefully at Harley Court Nursing Home, Sevenoaks. In her 89th year, widow of Edward William Perry CSI, CIE, dearly loved mother of Bill, David, Sallie, Catherine and Robert, loving grandmother and great-grandmother. Memorial Service at St Luke's Church, Sevenoaks at 4.30 pm on Friday 10th February following private cremation.

RAINBIRD - Steve. On 31st January. Tragically in Cape Town. Elder son of Geoffrey and Rosemary and brother of Alexis and James. He will be sorely missed by his family and his many friends throughout the world.

RICHARDS - On January 30th 1995, John Henry Paget, aged 96 years, peacefully at Bexhill. Funeral Service at St Augustine's Church, Bexhill, on Friday February 10th at 1.30 pm, followed by interment at Bexhill Cemetery. Flowers to Mummery F/D, 31 Devonshire Road, Bexhill, TN40 1AH.

SCHOENTAL - On January 29th 1995, suddenly but peacefully at her home in Wallington, Surrey Regina Schoental PhD., D.Sc. aged 88, after a lifetime of research, particularly into Cancer. She worked with joy and enthusiasm right up to the end. She will be greatly missed by her niece Marion Camrass, and family. In accordance with her wishes, she was buried in Jerusalem on 1st February 1995. Correspondance to Peter Camrass, Greensyke, Benover Road, Yalding, Kent ME18 6EX.

SCOTT-DEMPSTER - Ann (née Reid) on Tuesday 31st January 1995, peacefully at home. Beloved wife of the late Ronald Scott-Dempster, mother of Fiona, Colin and Jane. Funeral at St Mary's Episcopal Church, Birnam, Dunkeld, on Tuesday 7th February at 11 am. Burial private. Family flowers only. Donations to St Kessog's Episcopal Church, Auchterarder.

SHARMAN - Peacefully on January 31st, Elizabeth Marjorie Gordon, formerly of King's Road, Richmond, widow of David Pearce and beloved mother of David and Bruce, grandmother and great-grandmother to her family. Funeral at Mortlake Crematorium, Richmond, at 1.30 pm on February 7th. Cut flowers may be sent to T.H. Sanders & Sons, Kew Road, Richmond. All friends welcome.

SLEATH - Alan, husband of Jessica, died 30th January. Funeral St James' Church, High Street, Bushey, Herts., 2.30 pm Monday 6th February. Private cremation. Family flowers only. Any donations to RADA for the Student Scholarship Fund, marked "In memory of Alan Sleath".

SPARKS - On January 31st, peacefully and happily at home, Margot (née Clark), aged 103, widow of Billy. Funeral Service at Golders Green Crematorium, Friday 3rd February at 10.15 am. Flowers by 9.45 am Felliding House, North Hill, London N6.

WORRALL - On 31st January, 1995 at Whitecliffe House Nursing Home, Blandford, Muriel Elizabeth Ann, aged 88 years. Elder daughter of the late Thomas and Bertha Barnard, loving wife of the late Harold Worrall, aunt, great aunt and step grandmother. Always courageous and uncomplaining. Funeral service at Poole Crematorium on Wednesday 8th February at 2.30 pm. No flowers by request but donations for Riding for the Disabled may be sent to Albert Marsh (Funeral Directors) Ltd, St Michaels Road, Wareham, Dorset, BH20 4QU Tel: 0929 552107.

WOULD - On January 31st 1995, passed away peacefully at home, Frederick Arthur, aged 91 years, dearly loved husband of Kathleen, father of Margaret and David, grandfather of Charles, Hector and Andrew Seavill and Elizabeth, Laura and Philip, great-grandfather of Miles Seavill and father-in-law of Colin and Penny. Funeral Service and committal in St Peter's Church, Humberston, near Grimsby, on Monday February 6th at 1 pm. Floral tributes in remembrance will be received by Near & Near, The Mews, David Street, Grimsby, tel: (0472) 250150.

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**GOLDEN ANNIVERSARIES**

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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# OBITUARIES

## GEORGE ABBOTT

**George Abbott, American playwright, director, producer and actor, died in Miami, Florida, on January 31 aged 107. He was born in Forestville, New York State, on June 25, 1887.**



ANY awards George Abbott may have missed for distinction and versatility he would have picked up for longevity. He was known as far back as anyone can remember as "Mister Abbott" and was never addressed in any other manner in the theatre. Above all, this symbolised his key role in introducing discipline to the American musical, to which he brought wit, pace and action.

A list of the musicals he directed indicates his range and quality: *Jumbo* (1935), *On Your Toes* (1936), *The Boys from Syracuse* (1938), *Pal Joey* (1940), *On The Town* (1944), *High Button Shoes* (1947), *Where's Charley?* (1948), *Call Me Madam* (1950), *Wonderful Town* (1953), *The Pajama Game* (1954), *Damn Yankees* (1955), *Fiorello!* (1959), *A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum* (1962), and *How Now, Dow Jones* (1967). Such a roll perhaps excuses his decision to pass on *West Side Story*.

George Francis Abbott was the son of a wholesale tailor. He was born a year before Eugene O'Neill and Irving Berlin and twenty years before Clifford Odets and Samuel Beckett. He graduated from the University of Rochester in 1911 and went on to study dramatic writing with George Pierce Baker at his celebrated 47 Workshop at Harvard, abandoning an earlier ambition to be a journalist.

His earliest play was staged at Harvard in 1913. Another surfaced briefly in Boston in the same year, when he also made his acting debut in New York in *The Misleading Lady*. (This was before Chaplin's first appearance in films or Lilian Bayliss's first Shakespearean role at the Old Vic.)

He was an actor for some six or seven years — "getting," he said, "to be a good leading man". However, in 1925 the play he wrote with James Gleason, *The Fall Guy*, was accepted for production. He rarely acted again, although his role as Mr Antrobus in a revival of Thornton Wilder's *The Skin of our Teeth* (1955), staged in New York and Paris with Helen Hayes and Mary Martin, was a memorable exception. He auditioned himself: "I walked up and down the swimming pool and thought I was OK."

He became a director because of his writing. His collaboration with Philip Dunning yielded his first big success, *Broadway*, in 1926. That season he also directed another hit, *Chicago*, establishing himself as a master of fast-paced melodrama. He made sporadic visits to Hollywood to supervise the filming of his stage successes, starting with *Four Walls* in 1928. His work on the screenplay of *All Quiet on the Western Front* (1930) was perhaps his most distinguished early contribution.

He returned to Broadway in 1931 as producer, director and co-author. His great virtues of pace and precision eased his transition from melodrama to comedy, notably in *The Great Magoo* (1932), *Brother Rat* (1936), *Room Service* (1937) and *Three Men on a Horse* (1935). He wrote the latter with John Cecil Holm, and his collaboration with fledgeling playwrights earned him the tag "the apprentice's sorcerer".

It was his talent for collaboration together with his strength as a director which led him into musicals. His own musicality was limited, but he made the switch at the urging of Rodgers and Hart, co-directing *Jumbo* in 1935 with John Murray Anderson. The next year he co-wrote the book *On Your Toes* with the songwriters, but other engagements precluded his directing rehearsals.

He was called to Boston where the musical was in trouble. He arrived dressed for work, as always, in immaculate suit, collar and tie. Having seen the show, he recognised the damage done by playing around with his text, disciplined the actors, told the songwriters there was no problem, removed the accretions and returned to his original script. As a result of returning to his own play, he said he acquired "a reputation as a magical play doctor". Abbott's attitude to actors was often stern. When asked by method performers for a motivation, he would reply laconically, "Your job".

Hal Prince, who started work in Abbott's office on *Wonderful Town*, was an Abbott protégé. Others included Jerome Robbins, Shirley MacLaine, Gene Kelly, June Havoc, Richard Widmark, Kirk Douglas, Bob Fosse and Stephen Sondheim. Abbott, though well able to cope with stars and their egos, always preferred talented young unknowns. He disliked upsets in his meticulous rehearsals. In *The Season*, his chronicle of a year on Broadway, William Goldman wrote of Abbott: "The man is without ego: he doesn't have it and can't take it in others."

Abbott's devotion to Lorenz Hart was maintained through *The Boys from Syracuse* (1938), for which Abbott wrote the book. "If you have been wondering all these years what is wrong with *The Comedy of Errors*, it is now possible to tell you," wrote a New York critic enthusiastically. "It has been waiting for a score by Rodgers and Hart and a book by George Abbott."

The relationship continued with *Too Many Girls* (1939) and the revolutionary *Pal Joey* (1940). Abbott marvelled at Hart's speed and often recalled the lyricist, under pressure, writing three new instant choruses for a song on a brown paper bag: "I've seen fast; but I've never seen that fast."

Abbott was 97 when he revived *On Your Toes*. Earlier he had said: "If you want to be adored by your peers and have standing ovations wherever you go — live to be over 90." He dated the advent of commercialisation as "way back, when Shakespeare first said, 'let's move it to a bigger house'".

He published his autobiography *Mister Abbott* in 1963. He won the Pulitzer Prize (for *Fiorello!*), six Tony awards, a Kennedy Centre Lifetime Achievement award, countless lesser accolades and two honorary doctorates. As he turned 100 he was still working on new projects. Nor did he stop then. Only last year he collaborated on a Broadway revival of *Damn Yankees*.

He was married three times: to Ednah Levis, who died in 1930, by whom he had a daughter; to Mary Sinclair (the marriage was dissolved in 1951); and in 1983 to Joy Valderrama, who survives him.

A suitable epitaph to this inventive but no-nonsense practitioner came from a misty-eyed old actor on Broadway: "I love that old son of a bitch . . . he's something special in this miserable business: when he says 'Good Morning' to you, you don't have to spend the rest of the day trying to figure out what he meant."

## GUY CLUTTON-BROCK

**Guy Clutton-Brock, pioneer of non-racialism in Rhodesia, died in Denbigh, North Wales, on January 29 aged 88. He was born on April 5, 1906.**




EXPELLED by Ian Smith's rebel regime in Southern Rhodesia in 1971 and the first man to have his citizenship withdrawn, Guy Clutton-Brock was a founder-member and treasurer of the Cold Comfort Farm Society, a non-racial co-operative community that — until it was closed down by the authorities — had come to symbolise the efforts to encourage non-racial progress in the self-governing colony.

The Smith regime's determined efforts to curtail the kibbutz-style Cold Comfort Farm activities and Clutton-Brock's stubborn refusal to be intimidated — either by arrest and detention or the frequent searching of the premises and confiscation of documents — evoked much sympathy and admiration in Britain and his campaign became a *cause célèbre* among liberals. An early supporter of African nationalism, he was one of the first white members of the African National Congress in Southern Rhodesia and, although a committed pacifist, was on several occasions detained without trial by the regime.

Arthur Guy Clutton-Brock was the son of a Surrey stockbroker. He was educated at Rugby and Magdalene College, Cambridge, where he read History. He contemplated ordination and went to Ripon Hall, Oxford, but took up boy's club work instead. He entered the Borstal service in 1933. Three years later he was selected as Principal Probation Officer for the Metropolitan Area.

During the Second World War he was head of the Oxford House settlement in Bethnal Green, London, which he turned into a self-financing and thriving community centre for the East End poor. In 1944 he was appointed by the Control Commission in Germany to direct work among starving and homeless young people and in 1946 toured the war ruins for Christian Reconstruction in Europe.

The experience convinced him of the need for direct involvement in agriculture and in 1947 he returned to England and worked for three years, first as an agricultural labourer in Pembrokeshire and then as a market gardener near Shrewsbury. During this time he was also a member of the Home Secretary's advisory committee on the treatment of offenders.

In 1949 Clutton-Brock emigrated to Rhodesia to become an agricultural demonstrator at St Faith's Mission, a farm of 10,000 acres with two villages, a school and a maternity centre near Rusape, 100 miles southeast of Salisbury. He found a community in crisis. The land, badly eroded by decades of over-use by African smallholdings, was unable to support a community of 700.

Clutton-Brock overcame the problems by instituting an African-European co-operative. The manager, the herdsman and the tractor driver were Africans; the farm bursar and stockman were Europeans. The village council, with a majority of its members elected democratically, controlled the co-operative's various commercial ventures. It was a remarkable experiment at that time and within five years similar communities — known as inter-racial societies — were being created elsewhere in Rhodesia.

Clutton-Brock became a Rhodesian citizen in 1951 and early on found himself in sympathy with the aspirations of African nationalism. He joined the ANC in 1958 — one of the few whites to do so. A year later he wrote a letter to *The Times* in which he said it was "a fundamental fallacy to create an artificial distinction between 'the African' and 'his ambitious nationalist leaders'".

"Nationalism," he said, "could no longer be written off as an imported exotic growth or as the carefully propagated doctrine of a few selfish agitators." It was "the most powerful force at work in Africa today".

Such views were not welcomed by the authorities and when the ANC was banned in 1959, Clutton-Brock, together with almost 500 others, was detained without trial. His detention provoked parliamentary expressions of concern in Britain and editorial demands that the Southern Rhodesian authorities furnish more information on their grounds for detaining him.

Instead, the Rhodesian authorities offered him a free passage to Britain if he would relinquish his citizenship and promise never to return. This he refused to do and after a month's detention he was released. He became chairman of the Southern Rhodesia Detainees Legal Aid and Welfare Committee.

In 1960 Clutton-Brock went to Botswana, returning permanently to Rhodesia in 1964.

The following year he became one of the founder-members and the treasurer of the Cold Comfort Farm Society. Supported by the World Council of Churches and others, the society purchased an 88-acre smallholding on a hillside eight miles from Salisbury in what was designated "European land". The farm had belonged to Lord Acton, who became one of the society's trustees together with a former Bishop of Matabeleland, the Right Rev Kenneth Skilton.

It had about 40 members, 25 Africans and 15 Europeans and, since it was in a "European" area, the trustees had to appoint a European to hold a controlling vote. Clutton-Brock was duly appointed.

Nine years later, however, the law was changed so that it stipulated that the controlling interest in a body of persons should be deemed to rest with the majority of its members. This meant that Cold Comfort Farm was adjudged by the government to be run by Africans in a European area and therefore illegal.

In January 1971 police raided the farm. The society was declared an unlawful organisation and alleged to be a front for terrorist activity. One of Clutton-Brock's colleagues, Didymus Mutasa, was detained without trial for two years.

Clutton-Brock, by this time aged 64, was declared a prohibited immigrant and deported. He retired to North Wales where he remained a passionate believer in a non-racial solution to Africa's problems.

His commitment was not forgotten in Zimbabwe (as Rhodesia had become in 1980). It has been announced that he is to be declared the country's first white "national hero". Didymus Mutasa is now the Minister of National Affairs.

Guy Clutton-Brock is survived by his wife Molly whom he married in 1934.

## SIR JOHN SMITH

**Sir John Smith, CBE, chairman of Liverpool Football Club, 1973-90, and of the Sports Council, 1985-89, died yesterday aged 74. He was born on November 6, 1920.**



JOHN SMITH made a rare and distinctive contribution to British sport. He was an unostentatious chairman of Liverpool during the most successful era any English football club has ever enjoyed. His 17 years in charge at Anfield brought Liverpool 22 major domestic and European trophies, giving the club and its players an unexampled reputation in European football.

But his behaviour was also exemplary when he had to cope with two troughs in Liverpool FC's fortunes which seriously affected English football. He behaved with dignity and sensitivity when the club became the focal point for attention from the media during the very different but equally shattering disasters of Heysel and Hillsborough in the 1980s.

His chairmanship of the Sports Council may have been less spectacular than his work at Liverpool. However, he was always conscientious in leading the government-financed quango during a period of four years, when its very existence was being questioned by some critics.

John Wilson Smith came into sports administration relatively late. Born in the Toxteth area of Liverpool, after being educated at Oulton High School, he went into business, rising to a directorship first of the brewers Tetley Walker from 1966 to 1977, and subsequently of First Castle Electronics.

He became a director of Liverpool FC in 1973; football had been a keen interest of his since childhood. He was self-effacing about his own playing ability, once describing himself as a "slow but determined full back". However, his astuteness and ability to understand people's motives was quickly recognised by the other members of the Liverpool board. Within 18 months, he had become chairman. Unlike many chairmen of football clubs, he was unable to put large amounts of personal money into the club. He was appointed to the post because it was believed he would be an effective leader.

In 1974, the year that he became chairman, Liverpool had to handle the loss of Bill Shankly as manager. Shankly's fanatical approach to the game and to Liverpool in particular had revived the club during the 1960s. Many people believed that Shankly was irreplaceable because he and the club were intertwined. His successor was Bob Paisley and Smith was his confidant.

But instead of Liverpool becoming less successful, the club achieved a domination of the English game that has never been equalled before or since. In the next 16 years until Smith stepped down as chairman in May 1990, Liverpool won ten League championships; four European Cups; three FA Cups; four League Cups and one Uefa Cup.

Smith was masterly in the transfer market, both in buying and selling. He acquired players like Kenny Dalglish, John Barnes and Peter Beardsley. Ian Rush was sold to Juventus in Italy and then bought back, with Liverpool making a profit on the deal. When Smith sold Kevin Keegan to SV Hamburg in 1977, it was thought that no club could continue its success without England's outstanding forward. Liverpool managed it.

His chairmanship was not only a procession of victories. Liverpool, like many clubs at the time, attracted some supporters who were unsavoury at best and violent at worst. In 1985, at the European Cup Final in Brussels, a group charged a barrier separating them from the followers of Juventus; 39 Italians were crushed to death and Smith supported the decision to withdraw English clubs from European competitions and even argued against their being readmitted until a "period of penance" had been completed.

Before English clubs were allowed back in 1990, Liverpool suffered another disaster; 94 supporters died at Hillsborough in April 1989, when barriers gave way on the terraces before the FA Cup semi-final in Sheffield. In the months of mourning, Smith was calm and understanding, a natural leader in British football's most publicised tragedy.

It was the game's loss that in one of its most turbulent periods, Smith was not elected president of the Football League. He would probably have been an ideal choice. He only became a member of the management committee in 1988, after he had been the peacemaker between the smaller clubs and the big ones, which had threatened to break away from the Football League.

His work at the Sports Council was also impressive. He once said of football administrators: "They should realise that football is only one sport, an important sport but only one among many." He chaired the committee of inquiry into lawn tennis in 1980, the same year that he became a member of the Sports Council. When the bickering of Dickie Jeeps, the council's chairman, and Sir Neil Macfarlane, the Minister for Sport, reached a peak in 1985, he was a sensible selection to succeed Jeeps. He was the first person from a professional sport to be chairman.

Smith was much liked by the staff of the Sports Council. He spoke with genuine interest to even the most humble. One of his vice-chairmen was Sebastian Coe. Smith often preferred to give Coe the limelight, realising the value of having pronouncements on policy made by an Olympic champion. He was also adept at achieving partnerships between the public and private sectors to fund projects of the Sports Council.

Smith was also deputy chairman of the Merseyside Development Corporation, a member of the Football Trust and a director of the Football League. He was a JP for Liverpool and a deputy lieutenant of Merseyside. He was appointed CBE in 1982 and knighted in 1990.

He is survived by his wife Doris, whom he married in 1946, and by one son.


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### EXECUTION OF BURKE.

(From the *Edinburgh Evening Courant* of Thursday.)

. . . Precisely at eight o'clock the procession began to move towards the scaffold. Burke was supported by the two Catholic priests, more from the difficulty of walking owing to the circumstances of his arms being pinioned than from any inability or any faltering in his steps. When he arrived at the head of Libberton's-wynd, his face had an expression of wildness and anxiety, as if he were uneasy and uncertain of his reception from the mob, and he hurried on with his eyes half closed, eager apparently to bring the fatal scene to a speedy close. We regret to state the population received him with a shout of ferocious exultation, and though the magistrates, with great good feeling, endeavoured, by waving their hands, to repress these most indecent expressions of triumph over a wretched criminal about to pay the forfeit of his life for his crimes, yet they were continued and repeated at intervals, and in a louder and more decided tone during the whole progress of the terrible scene. When the first shout was raised, the criminal cast a vacant stare upon the multitude, yet seemed impatient of their scoffs and of the vulgar ribaldry with which they assailed him, some crying "Heave him off," "Bring out Hare," "Hang Knox," etc. The prisoner and the two Catholic clergymen now knelt upon the platform. Mr. Reid's face being turned towards that of Burke, who had turned his back on the populace. This again called forth shouts and clamours of "Stand out of the way," "Turn him round."

The magistrates again waved their hands to intimate that Burke was engaged in his devotions, but the unruly mob disregarded all these signals, as well as the hands of the Rev. T. Marshall, uplifted in the attitude of prayer, while the more respectable part of those assembled expressed their strong disapprobation of this unseemly clamour. When Burke arose from his kneeling posture, he was observed to lift a silk handkerchief, on which he had knelt, and carefully put it in his pocket. He then cast his eyes upwards towards the gallows, and at ten minutes past eight took his place on the drop, the priest supporting him. While the executioner, who was behind him, was adjusting the rope, some little delay took place from the circumstance of his attempting to unloose the handkerchief at his breast. Burke, perceiving the mistake, said, "The knot's behind," which were the only words, not devotional, spoken by him on the scaffold. Here the populace raised another insulting shout, mingled with cries of "Burke him, and do the same for Hare!" In the mean time his spiritual instructors, regardless of the clamour around, proceeded with their duties, and said to him, "Now say your creed, and when you come to the words Lord Jesus Christ, give the signal and die with the blessed name in your mouth." This advice he seemed to follow, for he waited only a few seconds on the drop when he gave the signal, throwing away the handkerchief, as if impatient at the continued scoffings of the crowd. The drop immediately fell, and, with a short but severe struggle, he expired, the multitude again exulting by long and continued shouts over the last agonies of the victim. The body, after hanging for more than half an hour, was lowered into a coffin, which was under the scaffold, amidst acclamations and shouts . . .

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*The "body snatchers" William Burke and William Hare began with the sale of the corpse of a lodger who had died in Hare's lodgings. Robert Knox, the Edinburgh surgeon, paid them £7 10s for it. To keep him supplied with bodies they went into the business of murder, fifteen in all. Hare turned King's evidence and was set free.*

### SOLUTION OF PUZZLE NO. 1
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## LOT better

NOT only has LOT lowered its London-Warsaw business-class fare, but the Polish airline will also throw in a night's free accommodation, transfers and breakfast at that city's five-star Marriott Hotel. LOT's new fare is £504 return (£638 previously), with the free room worth a further £140. The carrier flies daily from Heathrow. Details: 0171-580 5037.

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# Royalty: still a draw?

**Marianne Curphey** reports on claims that the Royal Family no longer attracts tourists

A quarrel has broken out in the travel industry over whether the Royal Family really is the boon to tourism that monarchists always claim it to be.

Tour operators bringing foreign visitors to London have always said that business would collapse without the appeal of the Queen, but some dissenters are daring to suggest that Buckingham Palace and Windsor Castle would attract greater numbers if they were turned into museums and art galleries.

In a heated debate at the annual conference of one of the travel industry's most influential trade bodies, one tour operator said Britain should dispense with its "embarrassing" monarchy.

John Boulding, who brings more than 40,000 foreigners to Britain every year, told the 250-strong British Incoming Tour Operators Association (BITOA) that the Queen was "past her sell-by date", and that the Royal Family was no longer the strongest draw for overseas visitors.

His proposals came as a survey for *Majesty Magazine* found that the average royal supporter in the UK overwhelmingly believed that Britain would not attract the same number of tourists without the Royal Family.

Mr Boulding, managing director of Travel and Tourism International Limited, claimed that creating a republic and asking the Royal Family to vacate its homes made commercial sense.

"Monarchists falsely believe the Royal Family somehow retains respect throughout the world, that the world has a fascination for Britain and that being head of the Commonwealth holds a significant advantage for Britain," he said. "But in most Commonwealth countries the monarchy is regarded by the man in the street at best with tolerance and at worst with ridicule and contempt.



The Queen at the Trooping the Colour ceremony — but are the tourists still interested?

"The multi-ethnic, modern-day nations of Australia, Canada and Singapore would not change their tourism trends if the monarchy were removed from their stamps or even their constitution."

His comments were dismissed by the London Tourist Board. Research shows, it says, that Britain's pomp, pageantry and history are the main reasons why many visitors, especially high-spending Americans, choose to spend time here rather than in neighbouring European republics.

A spokeswoman said: "The Royal Family is far more of a draw than modern art and you only have to be present at the Changing of the Guard to understand why. The palaces are immensely popular simply because they are the home of the Queen and her children."

Mr Boulding, whose clients come from Germany, Austria, Switzerland and South-East Asia, says Britons need to view the Royal Family dispassionately. Nevertheless, his views shocked many tourism delegates, who regard the royals as their most important marketing asset.

Angela Shanley, a London-based tour operator who organises holidays for 60,000 Israeli, Greek, South African and Italian holidaymakers, spoke for many when she said that creating a republic would be a tragic mistake. "The Royal Family is a bestseller across the world. Whatever the headline they write, the magazines are keeping Britain at the forefront of people's minds," she said.

"Our royal residences have an advantage over scores of other fine buildings across the world because they are lived in. The history of our monarchy is magical and exciting and a visit to their home is a treasured part of many people's trips."

# Easy riding grannie

OLDER travellers who are prepared to pay more for extra comfort are increasingly buying special deals on upgrades to business-class seats on long-haul flights.

Long-haul specialists such as Travelbag and Bridge The World report that "grey" travellers visiting friends or relatives, as well as those taking holidays, are more often searching for the best deals.

"The older person does not always want to put up with a long flight in economy seats," says Russell Webber, Travelbag's air product director. "The airlines recognise this and are offering us deals to fill their premium cabins on long-haul flights."

Travelbag says it can generally offer business-class fares up to 40 per cent below the published price. Between July and October it has a 50 per cent discount on an Air New Zealand business-class return fares to Australia for £1,961 (usual price, £3,986). Details: 0420 887240.

Bridge The World is offering until the end of March a return business-class fare to Los Angeles with Air New Zealand for £1,278. Details: 071-911 0900.

MANY business-class upgrades are with smaller airlines rather than the bigger carriers. "These carriers provide excellent space and service in their premium cabins," says John Swindell, managing director of the discount ticket specialist Airline Ticket Network. The company is offering a return business-class fare to New York, available until the end of March and with no weekend surcharge, for £595 instead of the regular business-class fare of £2,122. Flights are with Air India on new Boeing 747-400 aircraft.

On flights to Sydney, with Garuda Indonesia, it has business-class fares of £1,130 until the end of September, compared with the usual fare of £3,342. (Details: 0800 727747.)

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How a determined group of investigators solved a problem on the flight deck of one of the world's most popular airliners

# When three seconds could mean disaster

The millions of passengers who each year travel on 477 Airbus A320 twin jets can now do so with even more confidence that they will reach their destination safely after another satisfying result for the Air Accident Investigation Branch (AAIB) of the Department of Transport.

The investigators discovered that A320s had been operating with few pilots realising that there was a delay of three seconds before the aircraft's computers displayed warnings on screens on the aircraft's "dashboard" when there was a problem with the flying surfaces.

As a result, an Excalibur A320 with 185 holidaymakers and seven crew on board took off from Gatwick with the five right wing spoilers — moveable panels which help the aircraft to roll and also act as air brakes — not connected to the control column. The Farobound Airbus could not turn left, because engineers in the British Airways maintenance hangar at Gatwick had failed to reconnect the spoilers after removing a damaged flap.

The nine engineers involved in the incident were sent for retraining. But that was not the end of the matter for the Farnborough-based investigation team. They were determined to find out not only why the engineers forgot to reconnect the spoilers, but why the pilots, too, did not notice that they were disconnected in their pretakeoff checks.

It took four investigators — plus a psychologist and an aviation doctor — almost 18 months to produce a report whose 14 safety recommendations have now been studied throughout the world.

The AAIB never apportions blame, but in 63 pages it traces the causes of the incident and sets out simply what happened. It makes fascinating, and often chilling, reading.

Three other cases of A320s taking off with unconnected spoilers have been reported in the past three years and each could have become a disaster had it not been for the skill of the pilots.

Yet only now has the significance of the three-seconds delay been realised. A320 pilots use a small stick, similar to that on many computer games, on the side of the cockpit to control the aircraft. During taxi they are



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instructed to move it to each side and to check that all control surfaces are operating properly. It had become routine for pilots to "stir" the side-stick to complete the checks quickly. The pilots did not know that there was a three-second delay and that the stick must be held in each position for at least that long.

"Had either pilot [of the Excalibur A320] held his sidestick fully to the right for three seconds or more the spoiler fault would have been detected by the fault warning computer and the flight phase of this incident would have been avoided," they conclude.

The investigators also report on the way in which the handover between shifts was made "at a time when the engineer could be expected to be tired". Some tools and equipment needed for the work were not used, the maintenance manual was confusing, the job was not one often carried out, needed different methods from those normally used on other aircraft, and few of the engineers had carried out an A320 flap change before.

Bit by bit the errors and the underlying reasons behind them are exposed. The psychologist in the team explains how "human expectations can affect the quality of an independent check to the point where two people make the same mistake", and he suggests that on the flight deck there is always the "potential to see what is expected rather than what is actually displayed".

Fundamental safety issues about increasing reliance on computers, about training methods and about how being qualified to work on or fly different types of jet can itself cause problems are raised in the report.

How many motorists have flicked on the windscreen wipers rather than the indicators because their old car, long gone but still lingering deep within memory, had indicators on a different side? Has any official body questioned why they are on different sides?

How many mechanics have allowed a car back on to the road with no grease in a vital part, or some important electrical wire left unconnected? Have their mistakes been publicly aired?

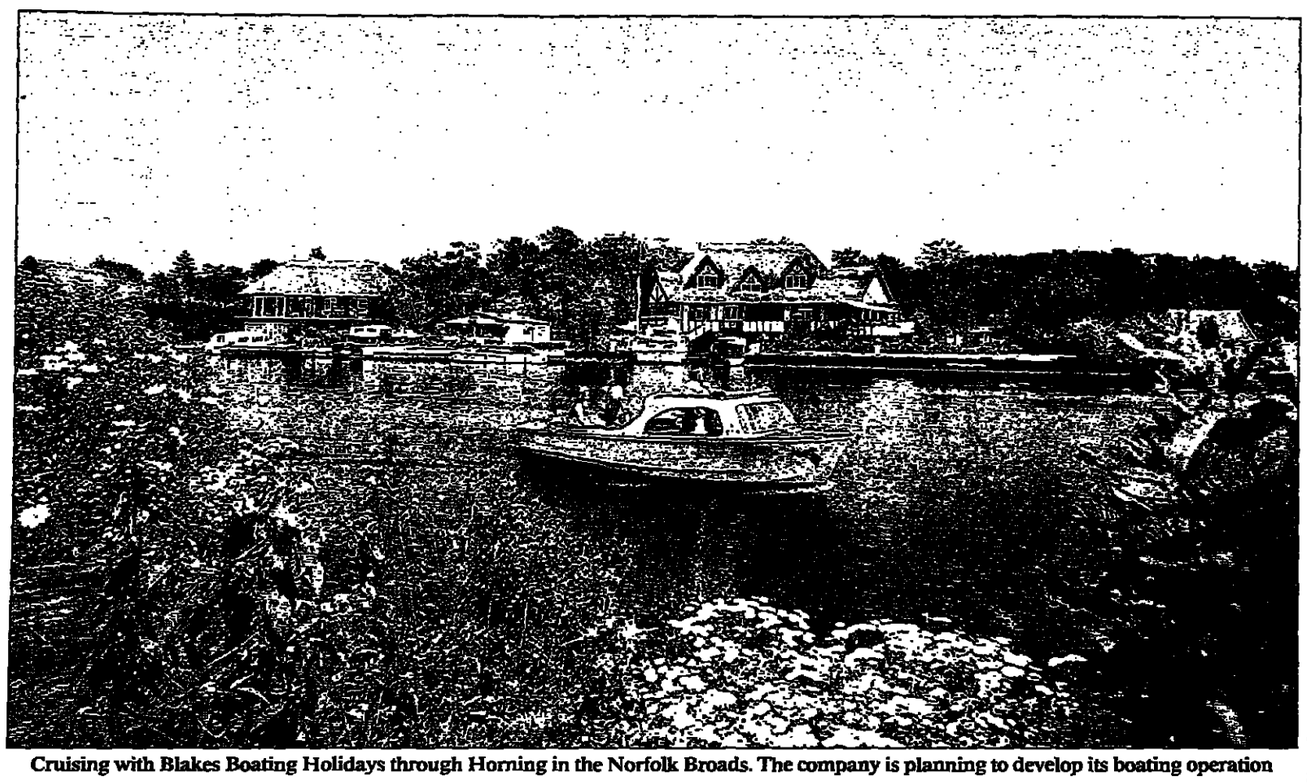
Some 50,000 people are killed and more than 1.5 million injured on the roads of Europe alone each year. The cost is estimated at £50 billion.

Last year just 1,385 passengers died in air crashes — throughout the world. The AAIB has 30 investigators, 16 support staff and costs £3 million a year.

Countless lives have undoubtedly been saved as a result of its work. It has to be worth every penny.

# Taking on a cottage industry

Thomson has bought the Blakes holiday home business. **Harvey Elliott** reports



Cruising with Blakes Boating Holidays through Horning in the Norfolk Broads. The company is planning to develop its boating operation

The giant Thomson group yesterday took a firm grip on the fast-expanding British holiday market when it paid more than £5 million for the Blakes holiday-cottage business.

Thomson, already the market leader in foreign package holidays, first moved into domestic tourism last August with a £34 million takeover of the Country Holidays group, and is now poised to dominate self-catering in Britain.

Blakes was created as a co-operative venture in 1908 by boat owners on the Norfolk Broads to enable it to market its water-based holidays more efficiently. It now has 1,400 cruisers, yachts and narrow boats on the Norfolk Broads, the Thames and canals, as well as in Scotland, France and Ireland.

About 20 years ago the group began to expand by letting cottages, chalets and holiday-village accommodation. The company expanded its portfolio until it was able to send more than 120,000 people each year to 1,700 properties throughout Britain.

Thomson has bought the cottage letting and marketing part of the business, leaving Blakes to concentrate on its "core" business of boats and yacht hire.

No one knows precisely how many farmhouses, cottages and second homes are let to visitors in Britain each year, although the best estimate is that about four million people a year take holidays in anything from converted barns to Scottish castles. About 70,000 people have second homes in the country, which are used for two or three weeks and for the rest of the time stand empty.

Little has been done until now to market these in a concerted way and Adele Biss, the chairman of the British Tourist Authority, yesterday gave her full backing to the Thomson move. "It is excellent news for Britain," she said. "We are delighted that Thomson is bringing its muscle into the domestic market and that a tourism giant is going to be able to use its expertise and marketing clout to sell our holiday homes both at home and abroad. It has come at a time when there seems to be a strong revival of the domestic holiday market and a slackening of demand for foreign package holidays."

The takeover will give Thomson at least 12 per cent of the British self-catering market and it has plans for further expansion. "This takes us into a new market, but one which we think is ready for growth," said Peter Chappelow, the managing director of Thomson Country Holidays. "We are taking on properties from the very select, to timeshare and "hi-de-hi" holidays centres. There is a lot of scope for further organic growth, and we believe we can now do something to develop the whole of the UK market."

Roger Peverett, the managing director of Blakes, was also confident that Thomson would be able to develop the whole sector — while giving Blakes the cash to expand.

"We believe that the cottage owners and holiday customers will both benefit from the strong marketing and retailing skills of Country Holidays and its parent, Thomson Travel Group," he said. "We will rapidly build the boating operation on the Broads and other waterways around Europe. Boating is a series of niche markets which we will be now be looking to expand."

Thomson is likely to concentrate on letting the properties to foreign visitors as well as to Britons. It signs an agreement with the owners to look after the properties, markets them through its brochure and collects the bills.

Thomson takes a commission of between 21 and 25 per cent of the total price, which averages about £12 per person per night — a fraction of the price of a hotel room.

Most people who now use country cottages are ABC1 holidaymakers, typically with two or three children. A cottage sleeping six in Devon at the height of the season would cost under £600 a week.

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## Venetian romance

THOMSON (0171-707 9000) has a selection of romantic packages for Valentine's Day including four nights' bed and breakfast in Venice for £285 per person, flying from Gatwick on February 12; and seven nights half-board in Kenya for £489 per person, flying from Manchester on February 12.

AN alternative romantic escape from Cruise Classified (0171-723 6773) combines six nights at Waikiki Beach with a week's cruise through the Hawaiian Islands. The trip departs on February 12 and costs from £1,650 per person.

VISITORS wishing to be married in the Cayman Islands no longer have to fulfil any waiting or residency period because of an amendment to the Cayman Islands Marriage Law. This means passengers arriving on cruise ships may wed during their day in port in Grand Cayman. A brochure with complete guidelines is available from the Cayman Islands Department of Tourism in London (0171-581 9960).

SIX nights in a Barbados hotel beach-front room including breakfast and dinner costs £1,699 per person from The Travel Collection (0306 744300). The price includes the a flight from Heathrow on Concorde and a return in economy class with British Airways. Departures are on March 11 and 18.

RETURN flights to New York and seven days' car hire cost £226 per person with Travelpack (01159 424442). Other destinations include Washington or Boston for £245 and Atlanta, Baltimore, Charlotte and Pittsburgh.

A TWIN-CENTRE city break for singles in Madrid and Barcelona is on offer from Solo's (0181-202 0855) this spring with three nights in both towns, as well as an overnight train journey between the two. Departures from Heathrow are on April 23, and the price of £699 per person includes flights, hotel accommodation, some meals and sightseeing tours.



The Prado in Madrid: spring breaks on offer

A FLIGHT-ONLY programme to a choice of Eastern Mediterranean, North African and Middle Eastern destinations has been announced by Belleair Holidays (0181-785 3266). Departures are from Heathrow, Gatwick, Glasgow and Manchester, and the cities featured include Athens (£249); Bahrain (£429); Cairo (£345) and Damascus (£306), excluding airport taxes.

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# Business takes to the skies

Air travel booms as executives favour planes over trains

The inexorable rise of air travel and its importance in keeping Europe's businesses on the move is underlined in a new survey into business travel trends within the Community. *Harvey Elliott writes.*

More than 90 per cent of European travellers on international business used air travel to get to their destination in 1994, 5 per cent went by train and 16 per cent by car, according to MarketLine, an international market research organisation.

British business travellers relied even more heavily on air with 95 per cent using air services to fly between one country and another, 9 per cent relying on their car and only 2 per cent on rail.

While the use of airports rose steadily the number of rail journeys dropped by 4.2 per cent in 1994. There were 713 million rail journeys made in Europe last year compared with 744.8 million in 1992-1993.

Airline tickets also represented the biggest proportion of business travel expenditure, swallowing up 39.5 per cent of all the money spent by European companies in chasing business. This compared with 18 per cent spent on motor fuel or mileage, 16 per cent on hotels and 9 per cent on entertainment. Rail travel accounted for just 3 per cent of the total business travel costs.

According to MarketLine almost $140 billion was spent by executives and salesmen from the main European countries, including Switzerland, on business travel last year. Germany spent the largest amount at $38.3 billion with Britain not far behind at $30.3 billion (about £19 billion). Belgium spent $3.6 billion.

Sweden spent 60 per cent of all its business travel costs abroad, Switzerland 50 per cent, Holland 40 per cent, Belgium 44 per cent and Britain 38 per cent, according to the report.

London hotels are doing better than others in Europe in attracting business clients, filling 74 per cent of their rooms on average last year compared with a 62.8 per cent rate in the rest of Europe.

The survey confirms that a small number of businessmen and women who are constantly on the move provide the bulk of the income for hotels, airlines, car-hire companies and restaurants. Hotel chains, for example, rely on 20 per cent of business customers for 60 per cent of their bookings. Travellers say their top priority in choosing where to stay is the service available followed by the hotel's location.

Car rental is also becoming more important as a regular business tool and last year was worth £597 million, an increase of 8.7 per cent on the previous year. In 1994 car hire companies said that business customers accounted for 57 per cent of their turnover, with 43 per cent taken up by leisure customers.

Radar fails to pick up the UFO which had a near miss with a Boeing 737 jet

# Richness of the saucer story

A CLOSE encounter between a British Airways jet with 60 passengers on board and an illuminated, triangular-shaped unidentified flying object at 13,000 feet above the Pennines is under formal investigation by the Civil Aviation Authority. *Harvey Elliott writes.*

Captain Roger Wills and his co-pilot Mark Stuart were beginning their descent towards Manchester airport after a flight from Milan last month when both pilots spotted something coming towards them. Very fast.

It flashed down the right hand side of their Boeing 737 twin jet "very close" according to the formal report that the shaken crew decided to file after being told by air-traffic controllers that the only thing which had shown up on radars was their own aircraft.

The mystery of what was seen by the crew of flight 5061 is one of four reports of unidentified flying objects which have been investigated by the CAA's Joint Airmiss Working Group since 1987, but which are still unexplained. Three of the craft have been described as either triangular or lozenge-shaped.

and the coincidence is enough to excite those who believe in "flying saucers".

Arnold West, the director of the British UFO Research Association, says the description was all too familiar to him. Mr West, who used to work for the CAA, says: "We know of several spottings of triangular flying objects over the past few years. "There were several seen over The Netherlands two or three years ago and they have also been seen over America.

"The 'design' of UFOs varies but the wedge-shaped description which the pilots saw seems to be common over recent years."

The JAWG, which is made up of representatives of pilots organisations, airlines, trade unions, military experts and cynics has not yet tried to piece together the evidence of what could have caused the near miss. But they are likely to give Mr West's explanation less credence than a whole series of other possible explanations ranging from a high-flying radio-controlled model aircraft to a USAF F117 Stealth fighter heading south, the crew of which somehow failed to file a flight plan.

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SPONSORSHIP is spreading from sporting and cultural events to weekend breaks. Hoteliers are turning to food and drinks companies to sponsor evenings, thus keeping the prices down while guests sample the products. The 15th-century Spread Eagle Hotel in Midhurst, West Sussex, for example, recently held a "champagne celebration" sponsored by Laurent Perrier which included dinner, champagne, accommodation and breakfast for £79 a head. Other champagne houses, as well as whisky and cognac distillers, are also showing an interest.

## Caribbean villas to rent

SIMPLY THE BEST, which has previously concentrated on renting out privately owned villas in Provence and the Côte d'Azur, has spent two years setting up an equivalent operation in the Caribbean. This season it is offering an array of properties on 16 islands from Jamaica and Barbados to smaller islands such as Necker and Tortola. The properties are all provided with maid service, and many come with live-in staff, including a butler and a cook. Prices begin at £1,500 per week. The Caribbean Islands brochure is available from Private Property Portfolio (0171-734 4355).

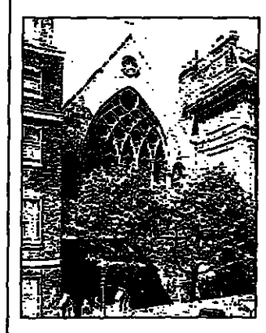
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## Mancunian popularity

MANCHESTER is enjoying a tourist boom. The region generated £341 million from tourism in 1993, which was £100 million more than in the previous year and against the general trend of the rest of the country. Visitors spent £80 million more than in the previous year, a growth of 66 per cent. Elizabeth Jeffreys, the chief executive of the Greater Manchester Visitor and Convention Bureau, thinks that much of the increase flowed from the city's Olympics bid.

## Retreats in store



A NEW travel organisation based at St Etheldreda's Church (left), in London EC1, is offering spiritual-retreat holidays at 19 of Europe's most contemplative retreat houses and monasteries. Among the venues — with a week's peace costing between £250 and £650 — are the Benedictine monastery of Santo Domingo de Silos in Spain and the Trappist monastery of Osera in Galicia.
*Information: Retreats Beyond Dover (0171-403-6552)*

## Boundary in the tunnel

THE FIRST two British citizens to be arrested by British police officers on foreign soil and brought back to England without the need for extradition proceedings returned from France last month. Because the frontier is, technically, 40 metres under the seabed in the middle of the Channel, agreement has been reached between Britain and France for officers to work alongside each other. Kent policemen travel through the tunnel three times a day to carry out their frontier-control shift.

## Schiphol airport grows

AS BRITAIN dithers over suggestions that Heathrow should be further developed, Amsterdam is pressing ahead with the growth of Schiphol. In 1994 the airport invested 395 million guilders (£146 million) in renovation, and plans to spend a further 440 million guilders this year with a new entrance, rail station and car park. The Netherland Parliament is due to decide on Schiphol's proposals for expansion into a "mainport", the major hub for European and intercontinental traffic.

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### Major pledges no sell-out

■ John Major tried to keep alive the Ulster peace process with a television address in which he assured the people of Northern Ireland that fears of a sell-out to Dublin were groundless.

As a mood of crisis engulfed the Government over disclosures in *The Times* of proposals for Ulster, he asked for time and trust. The Prime Minister declared that the prize of lasting peace must not be thrown away "by fears that are unreal and accusations that are untrue" ..... **Pages 1, 2, 3**

### Calves protester killed by lorry

■ An animal rights protester was killed when she fell under the wheels of a lorry delivering calves to Coventry airport for export to the Continent. The woman, who has not been named, was injured when she slipped into the path of the slow-moving lorry after leaping at the cab ..... **Page 1**

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Torrential rain brought death and destruction to England as statistics confirmed the wettest January for almost 50 years. Twelve rivers were on red flood alert ..... **Page 1**

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An internationally renowned scientist was jailed for 12 years for trying to murder his wife and for endangering the lives of others by spiking supermarket bottles of tonic water ..... **Page 5**

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Secrecy on serious disagreements between ministers and their officials over spending public money is to end, the Nolan inquiry was told. The move could prevent a repetition of the Pergau dam affair ..... **Page 4**

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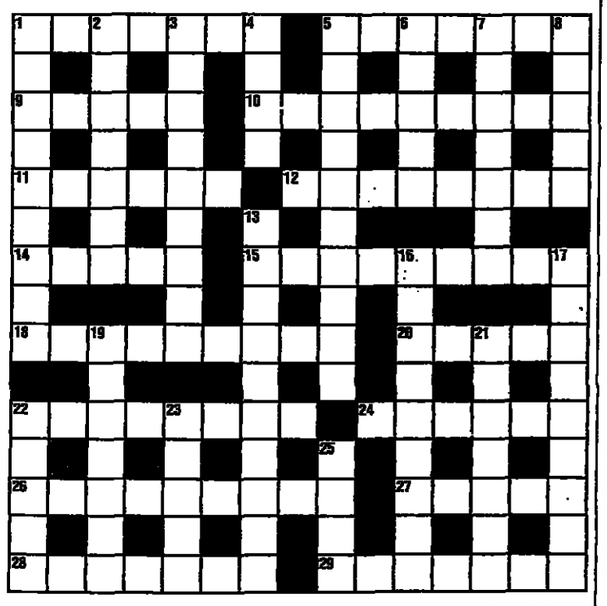
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1 Starting new climb (7).
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24 Worsted in retreat, rebels finally on the way out (6).
26 Worth almost nothing, pay went on being reduced (3,1,5).
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**London, SE England, E Anglia, Central S England, E Midlands, E England, Channel Isles:** any mist clearing, dry with good sunny spells, more cloud later. Wind NW light backing southwest, later increasing moderate. Max 8C (46F).

**W Midlands, SW England, S Wales, Central N, NE England:** mist clearing, dry with sunny spells, cloudier later. Wind NW light, backing S increasing moderate. Max 8C (46F).

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**NE Scotland, Argyll, NW Scotland, Orkney, Shetland, N Ireland:** clear at first, sunny spells, cloudy later, with rain coming from the west. Wind S fresh, later strong locally gale. Max 6C (43F).

**Outlook:** remaining mild with a band of showery rain edging south, more continuous rain into Northern Ireland and Scotland.

## AROUND BRITAIN YESTERDAY

24 hrs to 5 pm: b=bright; c=cloud; d=drizzle; ds=dust storm; du=dull; f=fair; fg=fog; g=gale; h=hail; r=rain; sh=shower; sl=sleet; sn=snow; s=sun; t=thunder

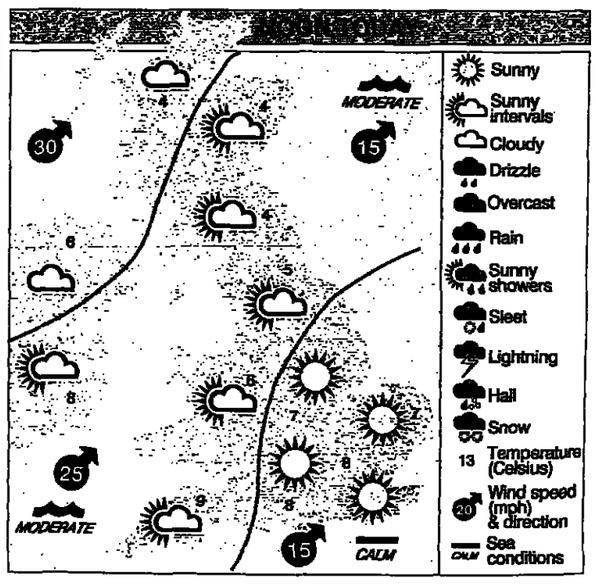
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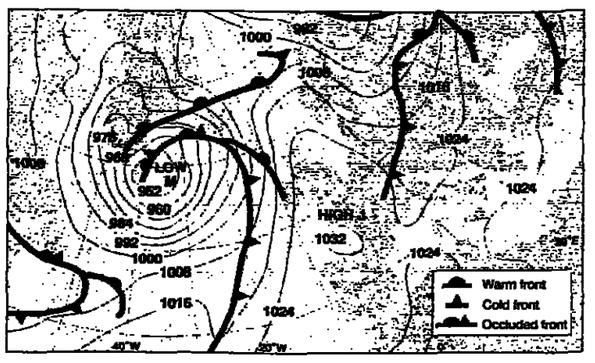
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# C&G gives way over bonus payments for widows

BY ROBERT MILLER

CHELTENHAM & Gloucester has bowed to pressure from MPs and consumer groups and set aside more than £10 million for widows who were excluded from the £1.8 billion bonus payments under the terms of the proposed takeover of the building society by Lloyds Bank.

The offer, which affects 5,000 C&G widows, is conditional on a special Commons Bill, due for its second reading tomorrow, passing through Parliament and on to the statute books before August 1. That is the "vesting" date when the takeover is completed.

C&G said that Lloyds had agreed to provide the extra money to enable the widows to be paid separately. The society added: "C&G's proposals to join the Lloyds Bank Group should proceed without delay or disadvantage to the mass of C&G investors. C&G has around 900,000 investors."

The exclusion of widows and divorcees, many of whom had been loyal C&G investors for decades, caused a furore. An action group was formed and the Equal Opportunities Commission investigated.

Under the terms of the bonus offer, qualifying C&G members receive a minimum of £500 for each investment account they have. They will also receive 13 per cent of the balance in each account up to a maximum of £100,000. But C&G's 375,000 borrowers will not receive any bonus payments. However, the society needs to have more than 50 per cent of its borrowers voting in favour of the Lloyds' takeover if the deal is to go ahead. Earlier this week the society attempted to pacify its borrowers by promising that its standard mortgage rate would be held at 0.25 per cent below that of its five main competitors until at least the end of this year.

The crucial Building Societies (Joint Account Holders) Bill which will be debated tomorrow was introduced by Douglas French, Conservative MP for Gloucester. It followed a similar, but not identical Bill, introduced in the Lords by Lord Dubs, the Labour peer. Mr French said last night: "I'm pleased that the C&G has responded positively to a change in the law which has a very good chance of getting on to the statute books. We have certainly received indications that the Treasury remains in support of my Bill as does the Labour Party's front bench Treasury team. I believe it could be law by the end of July and possibly even earlier."

The C&G added that suggestions to delay the special general meeting scheduled for March 31 to discuss the takeover were impractical. The society added that it would also be "to the distinct disadvantage of over 99 per cent of members who are not in this widows category".

Andrew Longhurst, chief executive of C&G, said: "Replacing an unfair piece of legislation with an impractical one helps no one. All we ask is to be able to pay widows without delaying payment to all those members who qualify today. We will provide £10 million of extra money. Whether the widows get it is up to Mr French and the Government."

# US rates raised by half a point

BY JANET BUSH, ECONOMICS CORRESPONDENT

THE US Federal Reserve yesterday raised US interest rates by half a point and said its decision to push up rates for the seventh time since the start of last year was designed to ensure sustained growth but to contain inflation.

The move was widely expected and provides a striking backdrop to today's monetary meeting between Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor, and Eddie George, Governor of the Bank of England. Mr George said this week that although a US rate rise was only one of several factors that would be considered, it would weigh in favour of another rise in British rates.

The Fed said it was raising its discount rate to 5.25 per cent and that that would be allowed to flow through to the Federal funds rate, raising it to 6 per cent. It said that it perceived continued strength in the US economy and rising capacity usage.

The City is almost unanimously convinced that British base rates will be raised, either after today's meeting, or next month. The last economic indicator before this decision has to be made came from the latest British purchasing managers' report.

The survey from the Chartered Institute of Purchasing & Supply suggested that strong price pressures are evident. But it also showed that the rate of growth in manufacturing industry slowed for the sixth successive month, with growth in output dropping sharply in January and order books deteriorating. Decelerating growth in manufacturing is likely to be regarded with satisfaction within the Bank. At the same time, the prices message backs up other recent signs of a modest deterioration in Britain's inflation performance, and this is likely to weigh heavily with the Governor.

On the morning of the monetary meeting, new evidence emerged that pay settlements are continuing to edge up, with annual awards climbing to their highest level for nearly two years in line with rising inflation, according to Industrial Relations Services.

IRS figures show annual pay awards at 3 per cent in the three months to December, compared with a record low of 2 per cent a year ago. The IRS says that December's rise in official inflation figures coincided with a critical phase in the wage round and is likely to feed through into many pay demands. In addition, the IRS said that early settlements in January suggest that higher wage deals will continue. In spite of the intense squeeze on retailers that has characterised the recovery, a clutch of retail sector settlements of 3 per cent or more appear to be in the pipeline.

The Chartered Institute's prices index rose from 71.6 per cent in December to 75.8 per cent in January. Just under 64 per cent of purchasing managers reported higher prices against only 3 per cent reporting lower prices.

On activity, manufacturing grew at its slowest rate since December, 1993. The Institute's Purchasing Managers' Index fell to a seasonally adjusted 53.7 per cent from 56.4 per cent in December.

☐ House prices in the United Kingdom fell by 0.8 per cent in January, according to the latest monthly index published yesterday by the Nationwide (Robert Miller writes).

The Halifax index, due out tomorrow, is expected to paint a similar picture of a flat housing market. Nationwide says that house prices are now 0.5 per cent lower than they were a year ago.

## Shares surge past the 3,000 level

Investors shrugged off the weather and worries about further rises in interest rates to send the FT-SE 100 index surging back above 3,000. They were spurred on by a positive performance overnight on Wall Street. The index closed up 25.7 at 3,017.3.

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PETER TREVNOR



Tory faithful: Lord White of Hull, left, chairman of Hanson Industries and Lord Hanson, chairman of Hanson plc, at Hanson's annual meeting yesterday. Lord Hanson defended the firm's £100,000 donation to the Conservatives last year and said: "If Labour gets into power, we just don't know what will happen." (Pennington, page 27)

# No single currency for years says IoD

BY OUR FINANCIAL STAFF

A SINGLE European currency could be decades away because of the failure of a number of countries to bring their economies into line, Tim Melville-Ross, Director-General of the Institute of Directors, said yesterday.

He told a business lunch in London that it would be "several years, in some cases decades", before these countries, which included Italy, Belgium, Spain, Portugal and Greece, would be able to meet the economic targets for European Monetary Union laid down two years ago by the Maastricht treaty.

"Even if the criteria in the treaty were to be met, there are a number of substantial micro-economic differences between the economies of the different member states — interest rates for mortgage and consumer finance, corporate borrowing, dollar exports, pension funds and many more issues — which make it impossible to adopt a single currency in the future," he said.

He added that Jacques Santer, the European Commission President, and other European leaders pressing for Emu should learn from the previous mistakes and proceed in step with their electorates, who did not want it.

# Top Capel employee in Anglia share inquiry

BY MARTIN WALLER, DEPUTY CITY EDITOR

A FORMER senior employee of James Capel, the City securities house, was investigated by the Stock Exchange over share dealings in Anglia TV before the takeover by MAI a year ago.

Karen Morgan Thomas, who ran Capel's in-house soft commission broking operation until her departure in the autumn, was interviewed by Capel's compliance officer after the share dealings came to light.

The information was passed to the Stock Exchange and from there to the Securities and Futures Authority, the relevant regulatory body, which subsequently approached Capel again for help.

The investigation was part of a number of inquiries by the authorities, including the investigation into share dealings in Anglia by Lord Archer, the millionaire author. Lord Archer's wife, Mary, was on the board of Anglia when the near £300 million takeover was agreed by that company's board.

Mary Archer announced last month her retirement from the Anglia board. Lord Archer bought shares in Anglia a matter of days before the MAI bid, a move that netted a profit of almost £80,000 for his associate, Broosk Saib, a Kurdish businessman.

The matter caused a political storm. However, Michael Heseltine, the President of the Board of Trade, announced in September that no further action would be taken over Lord Archer's share dealings in Anglia.

No action appears to have been taken by the authorities in Ms Morgan Thomas's case either, and neither the Stock Exchange nor James Capel would comment on the affair.

But it is understood that her dealings in Anglia shares were registered in the normal way at Capel because of her status as an employee, and that the matter came to the attention of Martin Latham, Capel's compliance officer, because of the proximity of the MAI bid.

He is thought to have passed the information on to the Stock Exchange, which then informed the SFA. Capel did not act for either of the parties to the bid, and there is no suggestion she acquired information in the normal course of her employment.

Ms Morgan Thomas left Capel because of a reorganisation of the department where she worked, sources at the securities house indicated last night. She is thought to have been on a relatively short employment contract, which was paid off in full.

She was understood to have mixed with senior figures in the Conservative Party.


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# Vodafone shares dive on profits warning



Whent: new market

BY ERIC REGULY

SHARES of Vodafone, the largest mobile-phone company, declined sharply yesterday after Sir Gerald Whent, the chief executive, said that year-end profits would fall below current forecasts.

At one point, the shares were down more than 12p, to 175p. They made up some ground later in the day, finishing at 182½p, down 5½p. Volume, at 32 million shares, was extremely heavy.

Vodafone said it gained 49,000 net new subscribers in January, up 81 per cent from the same month in 1994. "This exceptional increase in subscribers in the last months of the financial year will significantly improve next year's profits, but it must be recognised that the corresponding connection commission payments will reduce this year's profits below current market expectations," Sir Gerald said.

The company said that each new subscriber costs about £250. The money ultimately goes to dealers.

Investment houses have downgraded their profit forecasts for the financial year ending March 31. Henderson Crosthwaite now expects Vodafone to report pre-tax profits of £370 million, down 4 per cent from its previous forecast of £385 million. Robert Fleming now expects pre-tax profits to fall to £380 million from £395 million. Its forecast for the 1996 financial year remains unchanged at £540 million.

The company had pre-tax profits of £363 million in its last financial year.

It appears that many of Vodafone's new customers are coming from low-use and residential users, a market it has traditionally left to Cellnet. "Vodafone has had a change of heart in the consumer market," said Kevin Langford, an analyst with Robert Fleming. "They're looking at it more aggressively now."

The gap between Vodafone and Cellnet has narrowed significantly in the past year. Vodafone now has 1.68 million subscribers, only marginally higher than Cellnet's 1.61 million.

Cellnet would not say how many new customers it gained in January. A spokesman said that Vodafone's January figure "looks disappointing" compared with December, when it signed up 125,000 new customers.

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## BUSINESS TODAY

**STOCK MARKET INDICES**

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| FT-SE 100 | 3017.3 | (+25.7) |
| Yield | 4.29% | |
| FT-SE A All share | 1490.41 | (+9.85) |
| Nikkei | 18739.47 | (+89.65) |
| *New York:* | | |
| Dow Jones | 3880.01 | (+16.15)* |
| S&P Composite | 472.27 | (+1.85)* |

**US RATE**

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Federal Funds | 5⅞%* | (5⅝%) |
| Long Bond | 97¹⁄₃₂* | (97¹¹⁄₃₂) |
| Yield | 7.69%* | (7.70%) |

**LONDON MONEY**

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 3-mth Interbank | 6⅝% | (6⅝%) |
| Life long gilt future (Mar) | 102¾ | (101¹⁵⁄₃₂) |

**STERLING**

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| *New York:* | | |
| $ | 1.5810* | (1.5800) |
| *London:* | | |
| $ | 1.5595 | (1.5791) |
| DM | 2.4152 | (2.4108) |
| FFr | 8.3450 | (8.3560) |
| SFr | 2.0406 | (2.0315) |
| Yen | 155.32 | (157.37) |
| £ Index | 79.9 | (79.9) |

**DOLLAR**

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| *London:* | | |
| DM | 1.5230* | (1.5243) |
| FFr | 5.2803* | (5.2830) |
| SFr | 1.2885* | (1.2850) |
| Yen | 99.35* | (99.63) |
| $ Index | 62.6 | (62.5) |

Tokyo close Yen 99.32

**NORTH SEA OIL**

Brent 15-day (Apr) $16.60 ($16.65)

**GOLD**

London close $376.15 ($374.65)

* denotes midday trading price

## Bid expected

The stock market marked up shares in Costain yesterday in anticipation of a bid for the company. Favourites to make a bid emerged as P&O, the shipping group that owns the Bovis construction company.

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## Motoring

Ford yesterday announced record financial results to become the world's most profitable carmaker, with its Jaguar subsidiary back in profit for the first time in five years. Ford achieved full-year earnings of $5.3 billion to top GM, its main rival.

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## Court case may delay pension payouts

BY ROBERT MILLER

THE process for compensating investors who were missold personal pensions has been thrown into confusion.

The High Court last night gave a trade association representing 2,500 independent financial advisers leave to apply for judicial review of the compensation guidelines laid down by City regulators.

The IFA Association and LIBM, a firm of professional indemnity insurers, were allowed by Mr Justice Dyson to mount a legal challenge to guidelines set out by the Securities and Investments Board (SIB), the chief City regulator, and the Insurance Brokers Registration Council.

The SIB had ordered a review of cases in which people were advised to switch from existing or former occupational schemes and into personal pension plans. It has been estimated that the pensions industry faces a £2 billion bill in compensation and costs.

The SIB, which delegated the establishment of a special pensions unit to the Personal Investment Authority (PIA), said: "We believe that our guidance was, and is, well founded. We are glad that the case will be heard by the courts as soon as possible."

Last Friday the PIA completed its consultation with the pensions industry on how best to identify those who were mis-sold personal pensions and how to administer the compensation process. It had hoped that these would be implemented soon. In the light of yesterday's court case, however, many pension investors now face further delays in obtaining compensation.

Garry Heath, chief executive of the IFA Association, said: "We do not believe that our action should in any way be used to delay compensation payments where they are due. But we have have every confidence in the strength of our case against the SIB's ruling."

# Chatset accuses Lloyd's of exploiting members

BY JON ASHWORTH

THE Lloyd's insurance market is cashing in at the expense of its members, it was claimed yesterday, amid renewed forecasts that names will be asked to fund losses of £1 billion for the 1992 underwriting year.

John Rew, of Chatset, the controversial market analyst, said brokers and underwriters continued to take advantage of names despite the promise of market reforms.

Lloyd's, he said, seemed intent on preserving the "golden goose" that had seen fees and commission soar from £6 billion in the "profitable" period from 1984 to 1987, to £11 billion in the "loss-making" period from 1988 to 1991. Much of the rise was driven by the increase in business surrounding the reinsurance spiral. Mr Rew, who is an aggrieved Gooda Walker name, said Lloyd's was a "gravy train" exploiting members. He said: "There has to be a complete rehabilitation of Lloyd's if it is going to survive. Lloyd's just cannot continue to clean out the names as if there were an unending supply."

Peter Middleton, chief executive of Lloyd's, is leading efforts to reform the insurance market. A Lloyd's spokesman said steps had been taken to tighten control of agency fees.

Market estimates suggest Lloyd's faces a loss of between £600 million and £2 billion for the 1992 underwriting year. Chatset has settled on a figure of £1 billion — a pure year loss of £250 million coupled with £750 million in claims on open years — but says the figure is little more than a guess at this stage. The final amount will not be known until mid-May.

Chatset says falls in bond and gilt prices in the first half of 1994 have added £135 million to the 1992 loss. Premiums are invested under the three-year accounting system. Hurricane Andrew, the biggest single catastrophe of 1992, had a limited impact because the reinsurance spiral had been restructured.

The future appears to be more encouraging, with Chatset predicting a profit of £800 million for the 1993 underwriting year. It says the profit would be greater but for the cost of the 53 syndicates that ceased trading at the end of that year. Trends for 1994 appear similarly encouraging.

Losses associated with the Los Angeles earthquake have escalated from under $2 billion to more than $10 billion, but domestic American insurers will pick up the bulk of claims. The net loss to Lloyd's is estimated at $675 million. Lloyd's has little exposure to the Kobe earthquake, although marine insurers could be affected because Kobe is an important container terminal.

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Günter Rexrodt called for settlements in this year's wage round that would pave the way to lasting growth and jobs

# Germany expects stronger growth

GERMANY is enjoying a "strong upswing" expected to deliver 3 per cent growth for the whole country this year, with the east expanding nearer 10 per cent, according to Günter Rexrodt, the economics minister (Colin Narbrough writes).

But the upbeat message contained in his annual economic report yesterday was accompanied by a call to industry and unions to overhaul the nation's economic and social system. Herr Rexrodt, one of strongest advocates of free market thinking in the German coalition cabinet, said it was because of the favourable economic situation that prevailed that there shouod be no let-up in social reform.

Against the background this week of warning strikes by the IG Metall, the powerful metalworkers union, he called for settlements in this year's wage round that would pave the way to lasting growth and jobs.

The economics ministry report foresees the gross domestic product for the whole economy accelerating to 3 per cent this year from 2.8 per cent last year, generating 300,000 jobs.

## Transport policy hijacked, says CBI

BY JONATHAN PRYNN
TRANSPORT CORRESPONDENT

GREEN pressure groups have hijacked the Government's transport policy at the expense of Britain's business interests, the CBI claimed yesterday.

In its first key transport document since 1989, the CBI claimed there was widespread discontent with the Government's failure to meet companies' transport needs.

The document, *Missing Links: Settling National Transport Priorities*, claimed that recent cuts in roads programmes had confirmed fears that high-profile environmental lobby groups were now setting the agenda at the Department of Transport.

"Businesses are concerned that environmental arguments, such as those advanced by the Royal Commission on Environmental Pollution, now dominate the debate on transport policy at the expense of concern about UK competetiveness."

Howard Davies, Director-General of the CBI, said governments in France, Germany and The Netherlands had been more successful than Britain in reconciling the interests of business and the environment.

The CBI called on Brian Mawhinney, the Transport Secretary, to provide a clear and explicit statement of the Government's future transport policy to give the private sector more confidence in investing in Britain's transport infrastructure.

Dr Mawhinney welcomed the CBI paper but said "business must recognise more strongly the profound impacts of transport on the environment".

The Government's road programme has been cut by 7 per cent from £2.7 billion to £2.5 billion this year and many planned roads building and improvement projects have been axed.

Britain had among the most crowded roads in Europe and ever increasing congestion needed to be relieved by a sharp rise in spending on its road network, the paper said.

However, environmental lobby groups dismissed the CBI paper. Friends of the Earth said: "In the UK, roadbuilding is not a solution to congestion. It would only create more jams by encouraging people to drive."

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

## Nissan chiefs try to block legal request

TWO former Nissan UK executives who were accused of falsely inflating invoices and understating profits by up to £100 million to reduce taxes, applied to the High Court yesterday to stop Swiss authorities passing evidence about them to the Old Bailey. The former assistant managing director, Michael John Hunt, 61, of Hove, East Sussex, was convicted at Southwark Crown Court in June 1993 of one count of conspiring to cheat the Inland Revenue. He was jailed for eight years. One of his three co-accused, the chairman and managing director, Octav Botnar, is living in Switzerland, from where he cannot be extradited.

Yesterday the pair were represented by Alun Jones, QC, who sought to clarify the current legal status of a letter of request sent by the Central Criminal Court to judicial authorities in Switzerland in March 1992. Mr Jones submitted that the letter should now be invalid because criminal proceedings against Hunt and Botnar had finished. He said that the letter sought evidence in the case of Hunt and another accused, Frank Shannon, over a period between 1975 and 1983 in respect of which both had been irrevocably acquitted. If the Inland Revenue wanted any further information, they should approach a new judge and ask for a fresh letter, setting out what has happened.

## MGM cinemas for sale

CREDIT LYONNAIS BANK invited offers to buy its network of MGM cinemas in Europe, a deal that could bring it about 1.7 billion francs. The bank, which is struggling to recover from huge losses during the past two years, said that it owned cinemas in Britain, The Netherlands and, through a joint venture, in Denmark. The three operations are profitable and comprise big property assets, the bank said. It acquired the cinemas in 1992 as a result of involvement in a takeover of the US MGM company.

## Barclays sells in US

BARCLAYS BANK will make an estimated $50 million profit before tax on the sale of Barclays American Mortgage, its US mortgage servicing business, to a subsidiary of the Norwest Corporation, of Minneapolis. The value of the gain on the sale depends on the definitive value placed on the mortgage servicing assets, currently valued at $15 billion. Analysts estimate Norwest will have paid between $250 million and $275 million for the business, about 1.5 per cent of the value of the assets, and its servicing centre and goodwill.

## BAe 'exclusion threat'

BRITISH AEROSPACE could be excluded from the Airbus consortium for civil aircraft, if Britain fails to buy the planned European military transport aircraft, the Future Large Aircraft (FLA), according to Henri Conze, a French defence procurement official. In an interview with a French newspaper, he said there could be an identity crisis at the Airbus consortium: "If certain FLA partners think the British commitment is insufficient, one could see a European company demanding the disengagement of BAe from Airbus and the FLA."

## Three to run ICI fund

ICI has picked three fund managers to run its £4.6 billion pension fund. It has confirmed that BZW Investment Management will manage about half the fund in UK investments in index funds linked to stock market indices. The rest will be managed by Schroder Investment Management and PDFM, which will manage a balanced portfolio including overseas investments. Mercury Asset Management advised on the move from in-house to external management, intended to gain access to larger research resources.

## Cazenove's new index

CAZENOVE & Co, the stockbroking firm that acts for many of Britain's largest companies, is launching the first global smaller companies index. The Cazenove Rosenberg Index, developed jointly with Barr Rosenberg, the US fund managers, will track the fortunes of 7,300 smaller companies in 22 markets in North America, Europe and the Pacific. The index is designed to fill a gap between global market indices, such as MSCI, and the Hoare Govett Smaller Company Index, which monitors smaller UK stocks. Tempus, page 28

## Progress at Bucknall

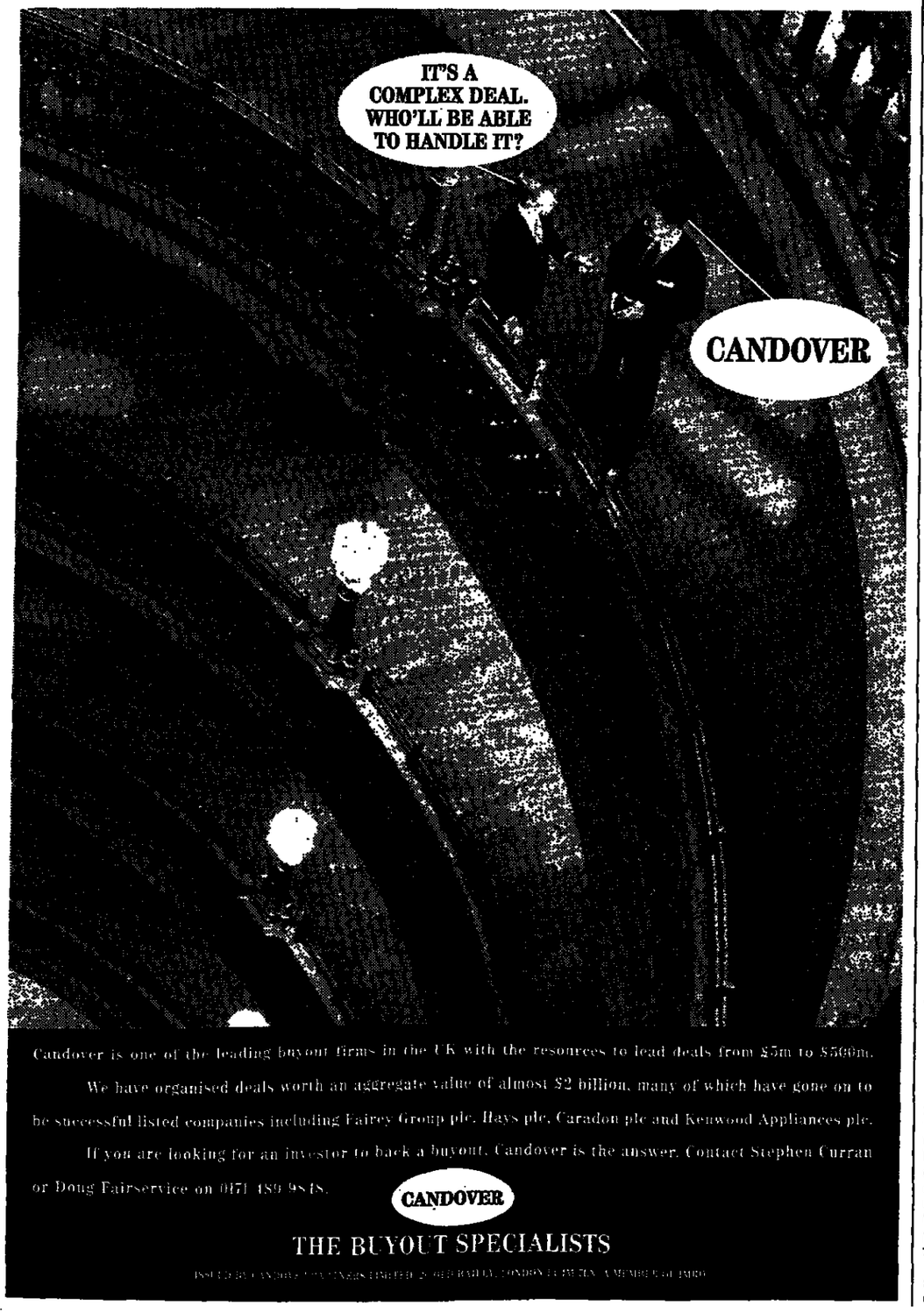
BUCKNALL GROUP, the construction industry management consultancy, reported a pre-tax profit of £105,000 in the six months to October 31, compared with a loss of £226,000 last time. Turnover advanced by 17 per cent to £8.61 million, with a number of large contracts awarded in the UK and overseas. Earnings stood at 0.5p a share, against a loss of 2.2p last time. There is no dividend but the group is taking steps to reorganise its reserves to allow the resumption of dividends. The shares firmed 1½p to 31½p.

## Torex Hire in cash call

TOREX HIRE, the USM-quoted tool, plant and catering equipment hire group, is calling on shareholders for £2.92 million to reduce debts, invest in new plant, buy freehold sites and make further acquisitions. The Devon company is making a three-for-five rights issue, at 50p a share, to raise the cash net of expenses. The issue has been fully underwritten by Allied Provincial Securities. The company is seeking a full listing from the end of the month. Torex shares eased 3p to 60p.

## Square Mile plan

THE CITY CORPORATION is planning to spend £2 million a year for the next three years promoting London's Square Mile as a location for international business and to counter "black propaganda" from rival European financial centres. The corporation's ruling Common Council will consider the proposals today after a compromise in which the corporation and other insitutions agreed that no single body should take a sole leadership role. One possibility is the City will seek to attract corporate headquarters or specialist light industries.




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## Wellcome's value claim due today

BY PATRICIA TEHAN

JOHN ROBB, chairman and chief executive of Wellcome, the drug company, has returned from his global search for a white knight to rescue it from the clutches of Glaxo's £9 billion hostile bid, in order to unveil results for the 16 months to December 31.

Wellcome has brought forward its results announcement by a month, to today, in order to try to prove to shareholders that Glaxo's bid undervalues the company.

The company is moving from an August year end to a December year end, but will produce comparable results. Analysts have been forecasting a rise in pre-tax profits from £624 million to about £700 million.

Mr Robb has been visiting drugs groups in the US. Those thought likely to be approached include Bristol-Myers Squibb, Pfizer, Merck and Johnson and Johnson.

Glaxo does not expect a counter-bidder to emerge. It appears to believe that if Wellcome was unable to find proof of undervaluing to convince the Wellcome Trust, which owns 39.5 per cent of shares, not to commit them to the Glaxo offer, it is unlikely to persuade a white knight to appear. The trust has said that it will sell its stake to Glaxo if no better offer is made within 21 days of the formal offer document.

☐ A Washington conference on Aids has been told that the Glaxo and Wellcome combination works — at least in the treatment of Aids victims.

Scientists were presenting data underpinning conclusions that Wellcome's Retrovir in combination with Glaxo's new 3TC provides a better treatment for Aids sufferers than Retrovir alone. Applications for use of 3TC in combination with Retrovir will be filed by Glaxo soon.

The conference was told that the combination had a "prolonged and pronounced effect in suppressing the replication of HIV and increasing the body's immune response".



Robb: case for shareholders

# OFT to root out secret cartels

BY MARTIN BARROW, CITY NEWS EDITOR

A CAMPAIGN to identify secret price-fixing and market-sharing cartels will be launched today by Sir Bryan Carsberg, Director-General of Fair Trading.

It will be spearheaded by a new Cartels Task Force, which hopes to drive home the anti-cartel message to business organisations and encourage informants to use a dedicated 24-hour telephone and fascimile hotline. The task force campaign will target purchasing executives, managers and consumers.

Sir Bryan said: "Secret cartels are unlawful. They reduce efficiency and blunt the competitive edge of participating firms. Secret price-fixing agreements invariably result in the exploitation of customers and market-sharing cartels are tantamount to criminal fraud.

"Any third party which can show it has suffered loss as a result of the operation of an unlawful cartel can sue for damages."

The decision to launch the initiative comes after a recent House of Lords' judgment. He said that the Office of Fair Trading had been waiting for a ruling from the Lords against a successful appeal by ready-mixed concrete firms that were found guilty of contempt and fined in 1990. "The House of Lords has now made it clear that companies are responsible in law when their employees participate in unlawful cartel agreements in the course of their employment. This is so even if the employees are ordered not to do so." This was an important turning point, Sir Bryan said.

He added: "I still believe the present law on cartels is far from satisfactory, and that the powers available are insufficient for my office successfully to root out many cartel arrangements without the help of informants."

TOURIST RATES

| | Bank Buys | Bank Sells |
|---|---|---|
| Australia $ | 2.19 | 2.02 |
| Austria Sch | 17.94 | 16.44 |
| Belgium Fr | 52.62 | 48.32 |
| Canada $ | 2.332 | 2.172 |
| Cyprus Cypf | 0.783 | 0.728 |
| Denmark Kr | 10.12 | 9.32 |
| Finland Mkk | 8.07 | 7.42 |
| France Fr | 8.80 | 8.15 |
| Germany Dm | 2.56 | 2.35 |
| Greece Dr | 396.00 | 371.00 |
| Hong Kong $ | 12.57 | 11.67 |
| Ireland Pt | 1.06 | 0.98 |
| Italy Lira | 2645.00 | 2490.00 |
| Japan Yen | 171.50 | 155.50 |
| Malta | 0.619 | 0.564 |
| Netherlds Gld | 2.651 | 2.621 |
| Norway Kr | 11.10 | 10.30 |
| Portugal Esc | 260.00 | 241.50 |
| S Africa Rd | nfd. | 5.95 |
| Spain Pta | 215.00 | 202.00 |
| Sweden Kr | 12.45 | 11.65 |
| Switzerland Fr | 2.16 | 1.98 |
| Turkey Lira | refer | 61650.0 |
| USA $ | 1.579 | 1.549 |

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☐ Hanson keeps giving to the Conservatives ☐ Finding funds for beds ☐ Losses still dominate the Lloyd's image

# Boardroom politics

☐THE annual meetings of Hanson have long been the best show in town. Whether picketed by American mineworkers or American Indians to protest at the goings-on in the group's far-flung empire, or simply a glittering festival to celebrate the business acumen of Lords Hanson and White, they have always been entertaining.

Yesterday, however, Lord Hanson added an extra dimension to the theatrical event by turning it into a political meeting. Provoked by a mild question on political donations, he launched into a tirade against the Labour Party and Tony Blair's "Euro-socialist manifesto". This was soapbox stuff, conjuring up the familiar nightmares of loony left councils and seventies-style hyperinflation.

Ignoring the fact that Mr Blair has so far not produced a manifesto that could be called Euro-socialist or anything else, the remarks seemed a blast from the past given the direction that the business community's agenda has moved in the past year. A decade ago, Lord Hanson was one of a doughty band of business leaders who stood four-square behind Margaret Thatcher and her market reforms. They insisted that their companies funded the Conservative party since the threat of another Labour government was too dreadful to contemplate. Corporate donations to the Conservative Party's fighting funds were political insurance premiums.

Today Lord Hanson is still breathing fire and brimstone, but it has become a lonely battle. A new generation of company managers have grown up who do not remember the pitfalls of running a business in the seventies. They question the ethics of corporate political donations, since they believe their job is to provide shareholders with the highest possible returns. If shareholders want to donate their dividends to their favourite political cause, that is their prerogative.

Just as significantly, many institutional investors are leaning on companies to stop political donations, since they believe the cash would be better invested in the business or distributed. In their view, a board of directors has no more business promoting a political party than a South American junta has in backing its favourite president.

A stream of large companies have reduced or stopped their political donations, including Argyll, Allied Domecq, Racal Electronics and Tate & Lyle. Hanson's £100,000 annual donation by contrast stands inviolate. In group terms it is a meagre sum, worth only 2p per 1,000 shares or less than 0.01 per cent of group profit. But its symbolic status is huge. Its existence shows that Hanson still thinks it can play politics with its shareholders' money.

In the past, Lord Hanson's investors have never minded such foibles since the company has made them a lot of money. But now he appears to be swimming against the tide.

## A Close call for nursing homes

☐THERE IS, they say, nothing as certain as death and taxes. But for much of the population, a third certainty, between paying the one and succumbing to the other, is emerging: a spell in a nursing home.

Demographic trends are conspiring to ensure that the supply of suitable nursing home




beds, already not up with demand, will fall further behind to create a huge funding gap. Around 100,000 new beds will be needed by the end of this century. At a cost of £30,000 a bed, the sort of outlay an operator can expect when building on a green-field site, the total cost will be £3 billion, to be met by the private sector rather than by the Government, of whatever hue.

Driving this demand is a population that is ageing both literally and proportionately, as longer lives and a lower mortality are matched by a falling birth rate. Meanwhile, psycho-geriatric illnesses like Alzheimer's, requiring residential treatment, if not rising in incidence, are increasingly being diagnosed.

Today, Close Brothers, the merchant bank, will complete a £50 million fund-raising exercise for the first specialised vehicle to invest in the building and purchase of nursing homes. Four operators have already signed up with Nursing Home Properties to finance their respective expansion plans.

NHP is based on Real Estate Investment Trusts that are heavily used in the US to fund property sale-and-leasebacks but are little known in the British healthcare business. The shares will initially be traded on a matched bargain basis and will eventually, after the first placing, be offered to the public; the attraction is a gross yield, once the company is up and running, of 7.4 per cent, backed by bricks and mortar.

Any such venture, as an unknown quality, is inevitably speculative. Another route has been pursued by Associated Nursing Services, which has a joint venture with BZW to fund new homes. But the fragmented nature of the nursing home sector, the difficulty in raising finance and the cost savings available from the creation of larger companies, suggest the main route for future growth will come from mergers, agreed or otherwise.

## Lloyd's makes profits, for some

☐THE CYCLE moves slowly at Lloyd's. Just as a goodly number of names are likely to start recording profits, there are hints that the underwriting cycle may already be peaking.

Chatset, a bane of the Lloyd's council because it is often right, reckons that the 1992 underwriting year will show a "pure" loss of about £250 million when the results of the three-year account are announced in May. Losses stemming from Hurricane Andrew were probably bigger than that, however. A good proportion of syndicates should therefore register a profit, which would have been larger but for 1994 losses on the bonds in which premiums are invested.

As already anticipated, the 1993 underwriting year should show a healthy profit, the best part of £1 billion, with another decent profit in 1994, the first year of the big corporate underwriting vehicles. But Lloyd's has already signalled that premiums are beginning to sag. In the last quarter of 1994, more premium rates fell than rose for the first time since Lloyd's started surveying them in the autumn of 1991. Profits for the 1995 underwriting year may be less buoyant.

Even a glimmer of profit would be manna for some, however. As Chatset notes, most individual names are non-participating, stuck in the stocks taking punishment for old open syndicate years without having a stake in later profits. Estimates of 1994 losses on these open years are sketchy. Chatset is doing little more than splitting the difference between market estimates with its own guess that losses may have risen by £750 million. Losses piled up in many run-off syndicates, some dating back to the mid-1980s. There will be more losses on the old open years this year and next.

These will continue to dominate Lloyd's image until court cases are run through or some global settlement is reached. Lloyd's is tiptoeing towards another attempt. Thanks to the break between old and new Lloyd's, there is now more knowledge of the parameters — and more realism among sufferers. This time, it has to be right.

# Jaguar back to profit as Ford leads rivals

BY KEVIN EASON AND SEAN MAC CARTHAIGH

FORD yesterday announced record financial results to become the world's most profitable carmaker, with its Jaguar subsidiary in profit for the first time in five years.

Ford achieved full-year earnings of $5.3 billion to top General Motors, its main US rival.

Sales, production and earnings per share were all dramatically up, underlining Ford's rapid return from recession and providing evidence that the global plan to cut costs by Alex Trotman, the company's British-born chairman, is already having effect.

The announcement that Jaguar is back in the black was among the most encouraging news to come from Ford's European empire.

Jaguar had not made a full-year profit since 1988 nor a profit in any quarter for five years. The luxury carmaker reported an operating profit of $40 million (£25.8 million) for the last quarter of 1994, with sales up 20 per cent, to 8,550.

That was not enough to stave off a full-year loss of $115 million (£74.1 million), but Jaguar is now on an upward trend and could break even next year. Jaguar's new range of XJ saloons is expected to lift output from its Coventry factory from 30,000 last year to more than 38,000 in 1995.

Ford's European operations swung from a $407 million 1993 loss to earnings of $388 million. Ford of Britain is not expected to report until spring.

The worldwide Ford group's results overshadowed the $4.9 billion earnings announced by General Motors this week. A fourth-quarter surge pushed earnings to almost twice the 1993 figure of $2.5 billion.

Ford earned $1.57 billion, or $1.47 a share, on revenues of $33.64 billion in the fourth quarter of last year, up from $719 million, or 65 cents a share, on sales of $27.84 billion. The results were well beyond Wall Street expectations of a fourth-quarter performance of $1.3 billion. Full-year earnings per share of $4.97 were up from 1993's $2.27. Annual sales leapt to $128.4 billion, from $108.5 billion.

However, the strong showing was tempered by caution over rising interest rates around the world, which could lead to slower sales growth.

Mr Trotman remained optimistic about Ford and expected growth to continue, particularly in Europe and Britain, where Ford cars — the Escort, the Mondeo and the Fiesta — top the best-sellers' list.

He said: "We continue to strive for further improvements needed to reach targeted returns. The fast start on the realignment of our automotive business will result in more product and lower costs in the years to come."

Combined car and truck share in Western Europe was 12.1 per cent, against 11.8 per cent in 1993. UK market share for cars was 21.91 per cent, with sales up from 381,000 to 418,657. Worldwide factory sales were 6.6 million (5.9 million in 1993).

# Homecraft acquired for £29m

BY CARL MORTISHED

SMITH & NEPHEW, the healthcare group, is expanding its rehabilitation business with the £29 million acquisition of Homecraft Holdings.

Smith is paying cash for the makes products used to assist the house-bound elderly and disabled. Sales last year were £12.6 million and Homecraft made profits of £2.9 million.

John Robinson, chief executive of Smith, said the group was a leader in the rehabilitation market, with a 20 per cent share of world sales. "It accounts for only 3-4 per cent of group sales, but the market is growing at about 15 per cent per annum," he added.

Homecraft sells its products, described as "aids for daily living", to government healthcare organisations and Smith hopes to expand its market share through the group's sales network in America and throughout the world.

Smith has been refocusing on three areas, wound managment, orthopaedics and rehabilitation

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# Extra £100m loss for Sun Alliance

BY NEIL BENNETT
DEPUTY BUSINESS EDITOR

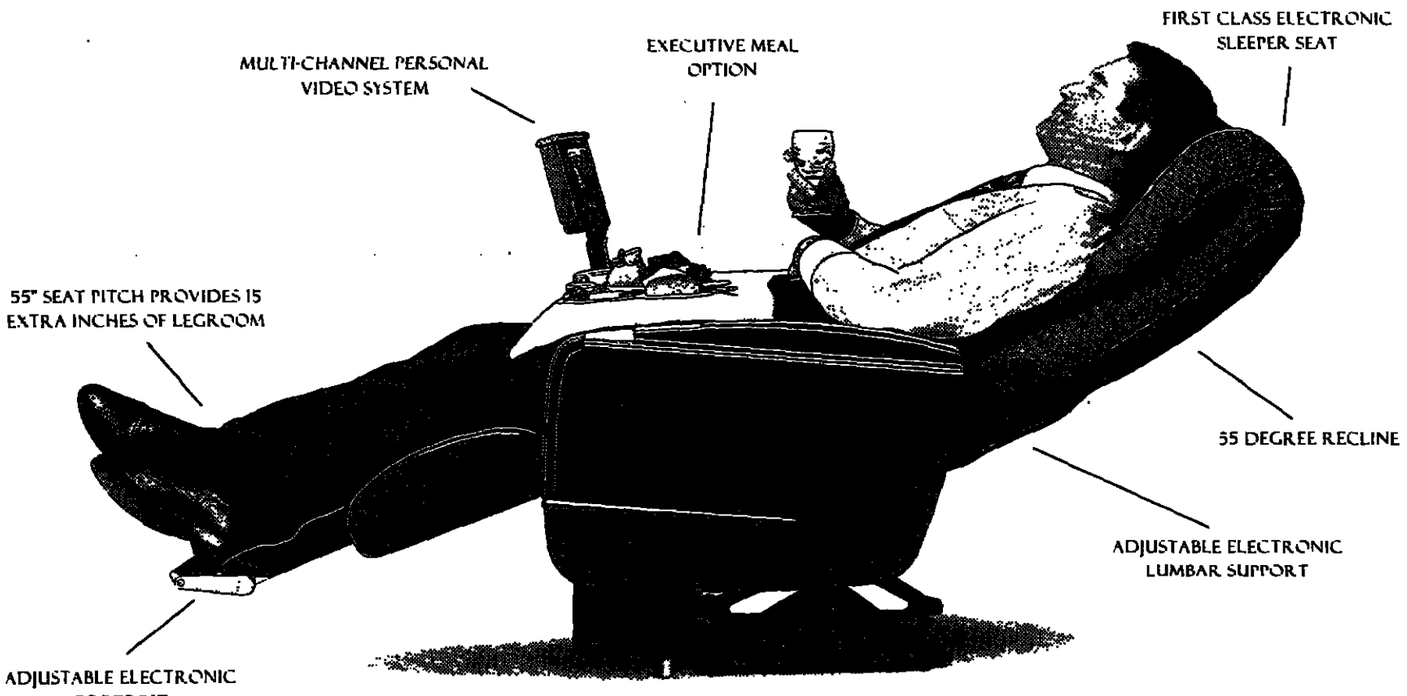
SUN ALLIANCE, Britain's largest insurer, has revealed it will suffer an additional £100 million loss on mortgage indemnity policies in its 1994 figures because of a change in its accounting policies that aims to stem the on-going losses it has suffered on old policies for the past four years.

The change will increase mortgage indemnity losses to more than £150 million for 1994, and bring the total that the group has suffered from the business since 1991 to almost £750 million.

Sun was the largest insurer of domestic mortgages before the recession, with a fifth of the market, and found itself paying for the losses on tens of thousands of repossessions when the property market collapsed. It has decided to record losses on its indemnity policies on all mortgages that are heavily in arrears and on homes that are likely to be repossessed. Previously, it recorded losses only on homes that had been repossessed and sold.

The extra losses will reduce group profits to an estimated £300 million for 1994.


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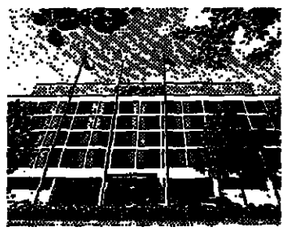
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# Costain shares jump on talk of bid by P&O

IT looks as if there could be a mixture of good news and bad news for shareholders of **Costain**, the troubled construction group. According to the speculators, a bid is in the offing: the bad news is that the offer price is likely to be at a discount to the ruling market price.

The Costain share price jumped 2½p to 22½ yesterday in exceptionally heavy turnover which saw almost 17 million shares change hands. The bidder is thought to be Lord Sterling's **P&O**, the shipping group that owns the Bovis construction arm and also has extensive property interests.

The speculators claim that in spite of the flurry of activity in Costain shares yesterday, it is unlikely that P&O will be prepared to offer more than 20p a share, valuing the entire company at £103.6 million.

Shares of Costain have virtually halved in the past year and a couple of weeks ago the group announced plans to sell its US coal interests, raising £63.5 million. During its heyday back in the 1980s, the shares traded above 300p and were talked of as a bid target for Trafalgar House which, at one point, built up a 9 per cent stake in the company.

Claims circulating yesterday that Lord Hanson might like to bid for Costain were described as "rubbish". P&O finished 8p firmer at 579p.

Meanwhile, in the absence of the expected rise in interest rates, the equity market was having a whale of a time, with share prices bouncing back through the 3,000 level as the bears found themselves being squeezed.

London took its lead from a resilient overnight performance on Wall Street, where investors decide to forget the outcome of the Federal Open Market Committee meeting and instead chose to concentrate on the US aid package for Mexico.

Prices were marked firmer from the outset, cheered by support for the financial future which had the bears on the run. The FT-SE 100 index was squeezed sharply higher and, at one stage was showing a lead of 32.4. It eventually closed 25.7 up at 3,017.3, with a total of 616 million shares traded.

**Lonrho** slipped 3p to 149p as James Capel, the stockbroker, completed a placing of 10.4 million shares at 150p.



A cash-and-carry bid may be in the offing

**Lloyds Abbey Life** fell 7p to 352p after moving to crush talk that Lloyds Bank is poised to bid for the outstanding 37 per cent of the shares it does not already own. The company stressed it was not in talks with anyone about a buyout of the minority. Earlier in the week, a research note from Nomura, the Japanese securities house, hinted that Lloyds Bank was poised to bid 440p a share and would fund it via a one-for-nine rights issue at 475p.

Wellcome, a real bid target, rose 11p to 998p after new tests concluded that Retrovir, its anti-Aids drug, combined with rival 3TC, "markedly reduced" the virus in the bloodstream.

**Vodafone**, the mobile phone operator, fell 7p to 181p after catching the City off guard by warning that profits for the full year were likely to fall short of expectations because of higher commission payments.

The group has been regaling the market for the past few months with news of record numbers of new connections which peaked at Christmas. Some of the shrewder brokers took this as a signal that the strong growth in new connections would be countered by higher development costs. As a result, they began downgrading their profit expectations last month from around the £410 million mark to just £400 million. Even this figure is too high, says Vodafone.

The setback for Vodafone was good news for **Cable and Wireless**, the Mercury One-2-One operator, which clawed back an early fall to finish the session 3p better at 372p.

**Magnolia**, the mouldings group, dropped 7p to 54p on learning that Simon Kennedy had resigned as finance director. His role will be taken over by John Hawksfield, a consultant, who helped in the group's rationalisation programme, until a permanent appointment is made. At the same time, the group has cautioned that the programme, which is now complete, will result in larger than expected stock writedowns.

**Tomkins**, the industrial conglomerate, has applied for a listing of its shares on the New York Stock Exchange in the form of American Depository Receipts. The shares are currently traded under Nasdaq. Last month, Tomkins, which owns Ranks Hovis McDougall, reported a 22 per cent surge in half-year pre-tax profits to £114.5 million.

**Nurdin & Peacock**, the cash and carry wholesaler, stood out with a rise of 10p to 153p as talk of a bid from SHV, which holds 14 per cent of its shares, resurfaced. Nurdin & Peacock has seen its share price drop sharply in recent times as the affects of its rationalisation programme continue to take their toll. Speculators say this leaves the group vulnerable to a bid from the likes of SHV, which owns the Makro chain of cash and carry outlets.

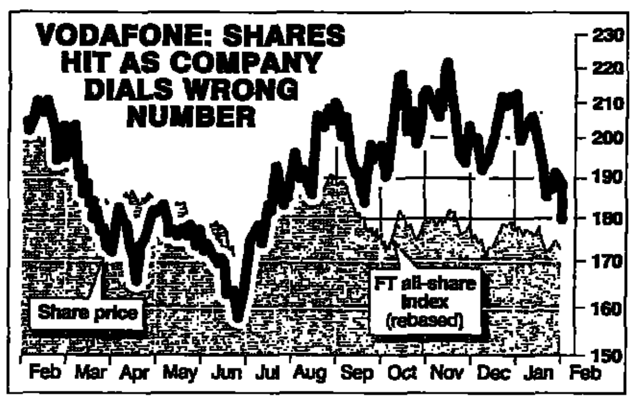
□ GILT-EDGED: Gilts opened firmer, cheered by a positive performance by US Treasury bonds overnight. Once again, prices in London failed to breach the new resistance levels and came back to close below their best.

The March series of the long gilt future traded in a narrow range throughout much of the day before closing five ticks better at £102 3/32 as 30,000 contracts were completed.

Among conventional issues Treasury 8 per cent 2013 rose £3/16 to £95 29/32 while at the shorter end Treasury 8 per cent 2000 was £1/16 firmer at £97 23/32.

□ NEW YORK: Shares on Wall Street rallied, led by the high technology and auto sectors, as markets waited for a widely expected rise in short-term interest rates. By midday, the Dow Jones industrial average was 16.15 points higher at 3,860.01.

**Sage Group firmed 7p to 675p after the software company issued a positive trading update. UBS also recently put out a buy recommendation. UBS sees Sage as one of the lowest risk software stocks in the sector and is particularly keen on the group's latest £19 million acquisition of Saari in France.**




## MAJOR INDICES

**New York (midday):**
Dow Jones ........ 3860.01 (+16.15)
S&P Composite ........ 472.27 (+1.85)

**Tokyo:**
Nikkei Average ........ 18739.47 (+89.65)

**Hong Kong:**
Hang Seng ........ Closed

**Amsterdam:**
EOE Index ........ 410.36 (+2.25)

**Sydney:**
AO ........ 1833.1 (+2.5)

**Frankfurt:**
DAX ........ 2048.43 (+27.16)

**Singapore:**
Straits ........ Closed

**Brussels:**
General ........ 7077.32 (+30.47)

**Paris:**
CAC-40 ........ 1827.78 (+29.88)

**Zurich:**
SKA Gen ........ 622.50 (+4.30)

**London:**
FT 30 ........ 2286.4 (+25.7)
FT 100 ........ 3017.3 (+25.7)
FT-SE Mid 250 ........ 3377.7 (+7.3)
FT-SE Eurotrack 100 ........ 1313.47 (+16.16)
FT A All-Share ........ 1490.41 (+9.85)
FT Non Financials ........ 1617.33 (+8.73)
FT Gold Mines ........ 186.0 (+4.2)
FT Fixed Interest ........ 109.64 (+0.07)
FT Govt Secs ........ 91.53 (+0.20)
Bargains ........ 20707
SEAQ Volume ........ 616.4m
USM (Datastrm) ........ 146.21 (+0.11)
US$ ........ 1.5815 (-0.0055)
German Mark ........ 2.4082 (+0.0026)
Exchange Index ........ 79.9 (same)
Bank of England official close (4pm)
£:ECU ........ 1.2688
£:SDR ........ 1.0787
RPI ........ 146.0 Dec (2.9%) Jan 1987=100

## RECENT ISSUES

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Asset Mngmnt Inv (100) | 99 | ... |
| Caledonian Media Wts | 5½ | ... |
| Clydeport | 155 | ... |
| First Russ Front ($10) | 570 | ... |
| Gart Micro Index Uts | 95 | ... |
| Gart Micro Wts | 41 | +2 |
| Lazard Birla Ida | 52½ | +¼ |
| Lazard Birla Ida Wts | 30¼ | ... |
| MCIT S Cap (35) | 34 | ... |
| MCIT S Inc (35) | 36 | ... |
| MICE Group (3) | 3¼ | ... |
| Mthsn Lloyds Inv (100) | 81 | ... |
| Pentex Oil | 95 | ... |
| TeleWest Coms (182) | 173 | +1½ |
| Wellington Under (100) | 101 | -1 |
| Woodchester Units | 125 | ... |

## RIGHTS ISSUES

| | |
|---|---|
| Dares Estates n/p (4) | ¼ - ½ |
| Verity n/p (7½) | ¼ ... |

## MAJOR CHANGES

RISES:
HSBC ........ 634p (+13p)
Kleinwort Benson ........ 624p (+25p)
SG Warburg ........ 757p (+16p)
RMC Group ........ 932p (+11p)
Travis Perkins ........ 290p (+10p)
Wolseley ........ 758p (+10p)
General Accident ........ 513p (+12½p)
Granada ........ 494p (+10p)
Reuters ........ 452p (+15p)
Scott Radio ........ 628p (+10p)
Ramco Energy ........ 300p (+21p)
Glaxo ........ 626p (+8p)
Wellcome ........ 998p (+11p)
Land Sec ........ 568p (+13p)
SmithKline ........ 471p (+16p)
Farnell Elect ........ 548p (+11½p)
Booker ........ 398p (+9p)

FALLS:
Powell Duffryn ........ 485p (-18p)
Amersham ........ 828p (-12p)
Cater Allen ........ 438p (-8p)
Brit Polythene ........ 488p (-15p)

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## TEMPUS

# Calling all callers

SUCCESS has its price and Vodafone's investors are paying it. The group has retained its dominance of the British mobile phone market, in spite of competing against a rash of new entrants, but such popularity is expensive. The competition for new customers has grown so intense that it costs Vodafone up to £250 in special offers and subsidies to connect a new subscriber, with a payback that can take up to three years. So the 93,000 customers that Vodafone won last month cost it more than £20 million. The group must be kicking itself about the 44,000 customers that disconnected during the month, many of whom will not have covered their start-up losses.

The City had already been cutting its forecasts of Vodafone's current year profits to take account of such popularity, but had not been severe enough. As a result, yesterday's cautionary remarks from Sir Gerald Whent, chief executive, knocked another £20 million off current year forecasts to about £370 million. Consequently, this 'growth' stock may only see profit growth of 2 per cent in the year to March. This is a heavy burden, particularly as Vodafone's start-up operations overseas could lose up to £40 million this year. But today's loss should be tomorrow's gain. The City hopesg that 1995-96 will be payback year for Vodafone, and forecasts are as high as £530 million. That should underpin the shares, which trade on 15 times 1995-96 earnings forecasts, provided that early disconnection rates do not rise further and the profitability of Vodafone's existing customers is not eroded by a round tarriff-cutting in the industry.

## Smith & Nephew

NOW that the drugs business is seen as risky and prone to the uncertainties of regulation and patent litigation, boring old bandages and orthopaedics are coming into their own. Smith & Nephew shares have had an astonishing recovery over the past five months and the group enjoys a rating that compares well with the high-tech and higher margin drugs companies.

One is loath to begrudge Smith its new-found favour. The company has pruned itself of unsuccessful acquisitions such as the loss-making Ioptex synthetic lens business where the company took a massive write-off. Today, the strategy is to buy and develop lower-tech businesses in markets where Smith can dominate. Homecraft is an excellent example, using its know-how to develop technically simple products targeted at a narrow but rapidly growing market: the elderly and infirm.

The deal looks good value and Homecraft is generating high profit margins — more than 20 per cent — from its products. Smith will be hard-pressed to improve the profitability at Homecraft or elsewhere in the group which is earning a return in the high teens. There lies Smith's problem: with little left to prune and almost nil gearing, future profits depend on good growth in sales. The market is expecting single-digit earnings growth next year, not enough to justify a forward multiple of almost 15 times.




## Smaller company indices

HOW reassuring to find Cazenove, a firm not known to be over-generous with its own information, in the business of selling information about smaller companies.

In spite of its reputation for placing stock for heavyweight companies, Cazenove has a long list of small company brokerships and the junior end of the market is an endless source of fascination for investors seeking hidden value.

The Cazenove Rosenberg Index will have the attraction of covering most of the world's stock markets, but the train spotters of the fund management world who track indices closely may find the parts of the index more valuable than the whole.

Small companies are not a sector and Japanese tyros have more in common with their larger Japanese brethren than with junior UK stocks. What attracts investors to the higher-risk small companies is the prospect of faster growth from a more focused management.

The small company effect works well in periods of economic recovery and Hoare Govett's index suggests that over its 40-year life, junior stocks have outperformed the market.

Since the 1987 crash, however, small companies have been a disappointment, only returning to favour as the market recovers.

Few investors would seek to hold shares for a generation and those dabbling at the bottom end of the market will expect rapid short-term performance for greater risk.

## Smith New Court

INDIA was the hottest ticket in the emerging market scene last year and the popularity of the subcontinent has now enticed Smith New Court to invest some of its hard-won capital there. Taking control of a Bombay stockbroking firm may appear a risky business and investing $360,000 in a Karachi broker looks even more perilous.

But Smith generated respectable turnover of $350 million from India in 1994, its first year in the region. By controlling a broking firm of its own, it can attract orders from Western fund managers and conduct local business among India's affluent middle classes. Competition is still light, which should enable Smith to charge commissions it could never countenance in more heavily broked markets.

Smith's $1.9 million investment is modest enough to be written off if the venture goes wrong. Known for its preeminence in London equities, more than half of its profits now come from overseas, and its willingness to chase such new markets can only help extend its valuable franchise.

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## COMMODITIES

### LONDON COMMODITY EXCHANGE

**COCOA**
Mar ........ 1005-1004 | May ........ 1057-1053
May ........ 1007-1005 | Jul ........ 1067-1063
Jul ........ 1018-1015 | Sep ........ 1074-1073
Sep ........ 1028-1026 | Dec ........ 1089-1088
Dec ........ 1037-1035
Mar ........ 1047-1044 | Volume: 4749

**ROBUSTA COFFEE ($)**
Mar ........ 2690-2685 | Nov ........ 2650-2640
May ........ 2658-2655 | Jan ........ 2650-2643
Jul ........ 2642-2640 | Mar ........ 2650-2630
Sep ........ 2640-2635 | Volume: 3957

**WHITE SUGAR (FOB)**
Reuters | Oct ........ 352.9-51.2
Spot: 397.0 | Dec ........ 350.0-47.2
Mar ........ 397.0-96.0 | Mar ........ 346.0-41.3
May ........ 391.5-91.0 | May ........ 345.8-39.4
Aug ........ 379.0-78.1 | Volume: 2755

### MEAT & LIVESTOCK COMMISSION

Average fatstock prices at representative markets on January 31

| (p/kg lw) | Pig | Sheep | Cattle |
|---|---|---|---|
| GB: | 84.28 | 119.63 | 118.24 |
| (+/-) | +0.94 | -0.46 | -0.32 |
| Eng/Wales: | 84.53 | 119.37 | 116.61 |
| (+/-) | +0.22 | -0.58 | -0.31 |
| (%) | +25.0 | +1.0 | -3.0 |
| Scotland: | 81.38 | 121.04 | 123.64 |
| (+/-) | +5.18 | -0.22 | -0.20 |
| (%) | -20.0 | -7.0 | -5.0 |

### ICIS-LOR (London 6.00pm)

**CRUDE OILS ($/barrel FOB)**
Brent Physical ........ 17.00 +0.15
Brent 15 day (Mar) ........ 16.80 +0.20
Brent 15 day (Apr) ........ 16.60 +0.10
W Texas Intermediate (Mar) 18.40 +0.25
W Texas Intermediate (Apr) 18.20 +0.15

**PRODUCTS ($/MT)**
Spot CIF NW Europe (prompt delivery)
Premium Gas .15 B: 160 (n/c) O: 163 (n/c)
Gasoil EEC ........ 145 (n/c) 146 (n/c)
Non EEC 1H Mar ........ 147 (n/c) 149 (+1)
Non EEC 1H Apr ........ 148 (n/c) 150 (+1)
3.5 Fuel Oil ........ 97 (+1) 99 (+1)
Naphtha ........ 161 (+1) 164 (+1)

**IPE FUTURES (GNI Ltd)**
**GAS OIL**
Feb ........ 142.50-42.75 | May 147.25-47.50
Mar ........ 145.25-45.50 | Jun . 147.75-48.00
Apr ........ 146.50-46.75 | Vol: 15821

**BRENT (6.00pm)**
Mar ........ 16.79-16.80 | Jun ........ 16.51-16.53
Apr ........ 16.62-16.63 | Jul ........ 16.48 SLR
May ........ 16.55-16.57 | Vol: 37025

### GNI LONDON GRAIN FUTURES

**WHEAT (close £/t)**
Mar ........ 108.95
May ........ 110.85
Jul ........ 112.10
Sep ........ 98.50
Nov ........ 99.45
Volume: 337

**BARLEY (close £/t)**
Mar ........ 104.15
May ........ 105.50
Sep ........ 97.25
Nov ........ 98.95
Jan ........ 100.75
Volume: 12

**POTATO (£/t)**

| | Open | Close |
|---|---|---|
| Apr | 354.9 | 349.60 |
| May | unq | 362.50 |
| Jun | — | unq |

Volume: 98

**RUBBER (No 1 RSS Cif p/k)**
Mar ........ 119.25-119.75

**BIFFEX (GNI Ltd $10/pt)**

| | High | Low | Close |
|---|---|---|---|
| Feb 95 | 1900 | 1895 | 1900 |
| Mar 95 | 1905 | 1885 | 1885 |
| Apr 95 | 1905 | 1880 | 1885 |
| Jul 95 | 1695 | 1680 | 1685 |

Vol: 358 lots Open Interest: 3017
Index 1966 -7

### LONDON METAL EXCHANGE

(Official) (Volume prev day) — Rudolf Wolff

| | Cash | 3mth | Vol |
|---|---|---|---|
| Copper Gde A ($/tonne) | 2931.0-2933.0 | 2918.0-2919.0 | 1363475 |
| Lead ($/tonne) | 629.50-630.00 | 646.00-647.00 | 204725 |
| Zinc Spec Hi Gde ($/tonne) | 1116.5-1117.5 | 1144.0-1145.0 | 536400 |
| Tin ($/tonne) | 6005.0-6006.0 | 6100.0-6105.0 | 19290 |
| Aluminium Hi Gde ($/tonne) | 2082.0-2083.0 | 2125.5-2126.0 | 1932675 |
| Nickel ($/tonne) | 9660.0-9665.0 | 9810.0-9820.0 | 95214 |

## LIFFE OPTIONS

| Series | | Calls Apr | Calls Jul | Calls Oct | Puts Apr | Puts Jul | Puts Oct |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Alld Dom. | 500 | 37 | 46 | 52 | 8½ | 19 | 21 |
| (*522) | 550 | 11½ | 21 | 27½ | 32½ | 47 | 46½ |
| Argyll | 260 | 19 | 25 | 27½ | 7 | 12½ | 14½ |
| (*269½) | 280 | 8½ | 15 | 17½ | 19½ | 23 | 25½ |
| ASDA | 60 | 9 | 10½ | 11½ | 0½ | 2 | 2½ |
| (*67½) | 70 | 2½ | 5 | 6 | 4½ | 6 | 7½ |
| Boots | 460 | 27 | 35 | 39½ | 9 | 18½ | 21 |
| (*471) | 500 | 8 | 16 | 21 | 32 | 42 | 43½ |
| Br Airways | 360 | 34 | 32½ | 38 | 9½ | 18 | 22 |
| (*369½) | 390 | 10 | 18 | 24½ | 26 | 35 | 38½ |
| BP | 390 | 30 | 37½ | 42½ | 5½ | 11 | 13½ |
| (*411) | 420 | 12½ | 21 | 26½ | 18½ | 24½ | 27 |
| Br Steel | 140 | 12½ | 16½ | 19 | 3½ | 6 | 7 |
| (*148) | 160 | 3 | 7 | 9½ | 14 | 16½ | 17½ |
| C & W | 360 | 26 | 33½ | 40½ | 9½ | 17 | 21 |
| (*372) | 390 | 11 | 19 | 26½ | 25 | 32½ | 36½ |
| CU | 493 | 19 | — | — | 23 | — | — |
| (*499½) | 543 | 4 | — | — | 61 | — | — |
| ICI | 700 | 51 | 61 | 67 | 13½ | 21 | 27 |
| (*741½) | 750 | 20 | 35 | 41½ | 38½ | 46½ | 52 |
| Kingfishr | 390 | 40 | 44½ | 49½ | 6½ | 14 | 18 |
| (*418½) | 420 | 21½ | 26½ | 33 | 15 | 27½ | 32 |
| Land Sec | 550 | 32½ | 41 | 45 | 7½ | 19½ | 22½ |
| (*567½) | 600 | 8½ | 16 | 20½ | 35 | 49½ | 52½ |
| M & S | 360 | 35 | 40 | 45½ | 3½ | 8 | 10 |
| (*387) | 390 | 15 | 20½ | 28 | 13½ | 20 | 22½ |
| Nat West | 460 | 39 | 46 | 54½ | 11½ | 16½ | 23½ |
| (*492½) | 500 | 15½ | 25½ | 35 | 32 | 36½ | 43½ |
| Sainsbury | 420 | 22 | 28½ | 35½ | 10 | 19½ | 22 |
| (*426) | 460 | 5½ | 11½ | 18 | 35½ | 43½ | 45½ |
| Shell | 700 | 24 | 36 | 45½ | 20½ | 25 | 31½ |
| (*709) | 750 | 6 | 16 | 23½ | 56½ | 58½ | 62½ |
| Smkl Bch. | 460 | 26 | 35½ | 46 | 13 | 20 | 26 |
| (*470½) | 500 | 9 | 18½ | 28½ | 37 | 42½ | 48 |
| Storehse | 220 | 12 | 15½ | 18½ | 6½ | 10½ | 12½ |
| (*221) | 240 | 4 | 6½ | 10 | 19½ | 22½ | 24 |
| Trafalgar | 60 | 7½ | 10 | 13 | 1½ | 2½ | 3½ |
| (*65½) | 70 | 2½ | 5½ | 7½ | 6½ | 7½ | 8½ |
| Unilever | 1150 | 53½ | 71½ | 92 | 25½ | 37½ | 43 |
| (*1178½) | 1200 | 26 | 46 | 65½ | 53 | 64 | 68½ |
| Zeneca | 850 | 46½ | 62½ | 73 | 22 | 31 | 37½ |
| (*880½) | 900 | 21 | 38 | 47½ | 49½ | 57½ | 63½ |
| **Series** | | **Feb** | **May** | **Aug** | **Feb** | **May** | **Aug** |
| Grnd Met. | 360 | 8½ | 21½ | 26 | 3½ | 10 | 15½ |
| (*364½) | 390 | 0 | 8½ | 12 | 25½ | 28 | 33½ |
| Ladbroke | 160 | 9 | 14 | 18½ | 1½ | 7 | 10½ |
| (*167½) | 180 | 0½ | 5 | 10 | 13 | 18½ | 22 |
| Utd Bisc | 300 | 20 | 26½ | 28½ | 0½ | 9 | 13½ |
| (*318½) | 330 | 2½ | 10½ | 15 | 13 | 26 | 30 |

| Series | | Calls Apr | Calls Jul | Calls Oct | Puts Apr | Puts Jul | Puts Oct |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| BAA | 450 | 18 | — | — | 13 | — | — |
| (*450) | 475 | 7½ | — | — | 29 | — | — |
| Thames W | 460 | 21½ | 29 | 32 | 12½ | 28½ | 29½ |
| (*462½) | 500 | 6½ | 13 | 16 | 40½ | 55 | 55½ |
| **Series** | | **Feb** | **May** | **Aug** | **Feb** | **May** | **Aug** |
| BAT Ind | 420 | 26½ | 35½ | 41 | 1 | 14 | 22½ |
| (*444) | 460 | 3½ | 13 | 21 | 18 | 36½ | 45 |
| BTR | 300 | 7½ | 14 | 21 | 3½ | 12½ | 16½ |
| (*304) | 330 | 0 | 3½ | 9½ | 26 | 34½ | 36½ |
| Br Aero | 448 | 24 | 37½ | — | 2½ | 17 | — |
| (*469½) | 487 | 2½ | 18½ | — | 20½ | 37 | — |
| Br Telcm | 390 | 11 | 24 | 31 | 2½ | 9½ | 17 |
| (*397½) | 420 | 1 | 9½ | 16 | 22½ | 26 | 34 |
| Cadbury | 420 | 8 | 15 | 27 | 12½ | 19½ | 23 |
| (*425½) | 460 | 0 | 3½ | 12½ | 50½ | 50½ | 51½ |
| Guinness | 420 | 7 | 17½ | 24½ | 6½ | 19½ | 22½ |
| (*420) | 460 | 0 | 5 | 10½ | 40 | 49 | 51 |
| GEC | 260 | 16½ | 24½ | 28½ | 0 | 3½ | 8½ |
| (*275½) | 280 | 3 | 12 | 17 | 6½ | 11½ | 18 |
| Hanson | 220 | 13 | 16½ | 20 | 0½ | 5 | 8 |
| (*232) | 240 | 1 | 6½ | 10½ | 9 | 15 | 18½ |
| LASMO | 140 | 7½ | 13 | 16½ | 1 | 5½ | 7 |
| (*146) | 160 | 0½ | 4½ | 7½ | 14 | 17 | 18½ |
| Lucas | 180 | 6½ | 13½ | 19 | 2½ | 9 | 12 |
| (*183½) | 200 | 0½ | 5½ | 10½ | 16½ | 21½ | 23½ |
| Pilkingtn | 140 | 7½ | 13½ | 16½ | 1 | 5 | 7½ |
| (*145) | 160 | 0½ | 5 | 8 | 15 | 17 | 19 |
| Prudential | 280 | 15½ | 20½ | 26½ | 1 | 9 | 13 |
| (*294) | 300 | 3½ | 9½ | 17 | 8½ | 20½ | 24 |
| Redland | 420 | 12 | 22½ | 28½ | 5 | 24½ | 28½ |
| (*426½) | 460 | 0½ | 7 | 13½ | 33½ | 53½ | 56½ |
| R-Royce | 140 | 20 | 22½ | 25 | 0 | 2½ | 4½ |
| (*159½) | 160 | 3½ | 9½ | 14 | 3½ | 10 | 13 |
| Tesco | 240 | 9½ | 16½ | 20½ | 1½ | 9½ | 11½ |
| (*247) | 260 | 1 | 6½ | 11½ | 13½ | 20 | 22½ |
| Vodafone | 167 | 16 | — | — | 1½ | — | — |
| (*182) | 183 | 4½ | — | — | 7 | — | — |
| Williams | 300 | 30 | 35½ | 39 | 0 | 4½ | 8 |
| (*329) | 330 | 5½ | 14½ | 20 | 6½ | 17 | 21 |

**FT-SE INDEX (*3016)**

| | 2900 | 2950 | 3000 | 3050 | 3100 | 3150 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Calls** | | | | | | |
| Feb | 130 | 86 | 51½ | 26 | 11 | 4 |
| Mar | 146 | 109 | 77 | 50 | 30 | 16½ |
| Apr | 163 | 128½ | 98 | 73½ | 50 | 35 |
| May | 182½ | 149½ | 120 | 95 | 73 | 55½ |
| Jun | 190½ | — | 132½ | — | 84½ | — |
| **Puts** | | | | | | |
| Feb | 7½ | 15 | 30 | 56 | 92½ | 141 |
| Mar | 25½ | 38 | 56 | 80 | 111 | 149 |
| Apr | 45 | 61 | 81 | 105½ | 133 | 169 |
| May | 56 | 73½ | 94½ | 119½ | 148½ | 181½ |
| Jun | 63½ | — | 103½ | — | 157 | — |

| Series | | Calls Mar | Calls Jun | Calls Sep | Puts Mar | Puts Jun | Puts Sep |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Abby Nat. | 420 | 15½ | 22½ | 28 | 14½ | 22 | 27½ |
| (*425) | 460 | 3½ | 9 | 13½ | 47 | 50 | 53½ |
| Amstrad | 125 | 9½ | 14 | — | 3 | 5 | — |
| (*132½) | 150 | 0½ | 4 | — | 18½ | 20½ | — |
| Barclays | 550 | 44 | 52 | 61 | 7½ | 16 | 24½ |
| (*586½) | 600 | 13 | 26 | 36 | 31½ | 40½ | 49 |
| Blue Circ | 260 | 15 | 22 | 29 | 5½ | 15 | 19 |
| (*267½) | 280 | 5½ | 12½ | 20 | 16 | 26½ | 30½ |
| Br Gas | 300 | 12½ | 20 | 24½ | 6½ | 13½ | 17 |
| (*306) | 330 | 1½ | 7 | 12 | 25 | 33 | 35½ |
| Dixons | 200 | 10 | 19 | 22 | 6 | 9½ | 13½ |
| (*203½) | 220 | 2½ | 10 | 13 | 18½ | 21 | 26½ |
| Forte | 220 | 19 | 24 | 27½ | 2 | 7 | 9½ |
| (*235½) | 240 | 6½ | 13 | 17 | 9½ | 16½ | 19½ |
| Hillsdwn | 160 | 17 | 19½ | 21½ | 1 | 5½ | 7½ |
| (*175) | 180 | 4 | 7½ | 10½ | 8 | 16 | 18½ |
| Lonrho | 140 | 12½ | 18 | 20½ | 2 | 5½ | 7½ |
| (*149½) | 160 | 2½ | 8 | 11 | 12 | 15 | 18 |
| Sears | 90 | 11 | 13 | 13½ | 0½ | 2 | 3 |
| (*99½) | 100 | 4 | 7 | 7½ | 4 | 6½ | 7½ |
| Thrn Eml | 1000 | 54 | 82 | 92 | 7½ | 19½ | 36 |
| (*1039½) | 1050 | 23 | 51½ | 61½ | 27 | 39½ | 59½ |
| Tomkins | 220 | 13½ | 22 | 26 | 3½ | 7½ | 12 |
| (*229) | 240 | 3½ | 12 | 16 | 13½ | 17½ | 22½ |
| TSB | 240 | 9 | 18½ | 22½ | 12½ | 18 | 21 |
| (*241½) | 260 | 4½ | 11 | 15 | 27 | 31 | 33½ |
| Wellcome | 950 | 66 | 81 | 98 | 14½ | 29 | 39 |
| (*997½) | 1000 | 35 | 51½ | 68½ | 35½ | 51 | 61 |
| **Series** | | **Apr** | **Jul** | **Oct** | **Apr** | **Jul** | **Oct** |
| Glaxo | 600 | 39½ | 57½ | 69 | 18½ | 27 | 41 |
| (*625) | 650 | 17 | 34½ | 44 | 46 | 53½ | 68½ |
| HSBC | 600 | 49 | 58 | 68½ | 18½ | 31 | 41 |
| (*633½) | 650 | 21 | 33½ | 45½ | 46 | 58 | 67½ |
| Reuter | 420 | 40½ | 51 | 58½ | 7½ | 12½ | 16½ |
| (*451½) | 460 | 17½ | 29 | 37 | 24½ | 30 | 34½ |
| **Series** | | **Feb** | **May** | **Jul** | **Feb** | **May** | **Jul** |
| Royal Ins | 260 | 10½ | 18½ | 24 | 3½ | 14½ | 17 |
| (*266½) | 280 | 2 | 10 | 15½ | 15 | 26 | 28½ |
| **Series** | | **Mar** | **Jun** | **Sep** | **Mar** | **Jun** | **Sep** |
| Fisons | 100 | 12 | 16½ | 21 | 2 | 7 | 8 |
| (*109) | 110 | 6 | 11½ | 16½ | 6 | 12 | 13 |
| **Series** | | **Feb** | **May** | **Aug** | **Feb** | **May** | **Aug** |
| Eastern Gp | 700 | 17½ | 45 | 58½ | 10½ | 30 | 45 |
| (*704½) | 750 | 3 | 24 | 36 | 46½ | 59 | 74½ |
| **Series** | | **Mar** | **Jun** | **Sep** | **Mar** | **Jun** | **Sep** |
| Natl Pwr | 460 | 24 | 36 | 44 | 8 | 20½ | 25½ |
| (*472½) | 500 | 6 | 18 | 25½ | 30½ | 42½ | 47½ |
| Scot Pwr | 300 | 30½ | 40 | 44½ | 1½ | 6 | 11 |
| (*327) | 330 | 10 | 21½ | 26½ | 11 | 17 | 24 |

February 1, 1995 Tot: 33923 Call: 20550 Put: 13373 FT-SE Call: 8667 Put: 5629
*Underlying security price.

## LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

| | Period | Open | High | Low | Sett | Vol |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| FT-SE 100 | Mar 95 | 3000.0 | 3040.0 | 3000.0 | 3022.0 | 11729 |
| Previous open interest: 64457 | Jun 95 | | | | 3031.0 | 0 |
| FT-SE 250 | Mar 95 | 3375.0 | 3385.0 | 3375.0 | 3378.5 | 235 |
| Previous open interest: 3944 | Jun 95 | | | | | 0 |
| Three Month Sterling | Mar 95 | 92.94 | 92.96 | 92.91 | 92.92 | 13814 |
| Previous open interest: 431157 | Jun 95 | 92.34 | 92.35 | 92.30 | 92.31 | 15073 |
| | Sep 95 | 91.92 | 91.95 | 91.88 | 91.89 | 8655 |
| Three Mth Eurodollar | Mar 95 | | | | 93.46 | 0 |
| Previous open interest: 2314 | Jun 95 | | | | 92.88 | 0 |
| Three Mth Euro DM | Mar 95 | 94.79 | 94.81 | 94.78 | 94.78 | 26997 |
| Previous open interest: 731505 | Jun 95 | 94.43 | 94.45 | 94.40 | 94.43 | 39139 |
| Long Gilt | Mar 95 | 102-01 | 102-08 | 102-00 | 102-03 | 29642 |
| Previous open interest: 99395 | Jun 95 | 102-10 | 102-14 | 102-10 | 102-10 | 87 |
| Japanese Govmt Bond | Mar 95 | 108.38 | 108.39 | 108.21 | 108.30 | 3193 |
| | Jun 95 | 107.63 | 107.63 | 107.44 | 107.54 | 455 |
| German Gov Bd Bund | Mar 95 | 90.56 | 90.61 | 90.35 | 90.38 | 97709 |
| Previous open interest: 212605 | Jun 95 | 89.93 | 90.00 | 89.82 | 89.83 | 1494 |
| Three month ECU | Mar 95 | 93.56 | 93.60 | 93.55 | 93.60 | 1240 |
| Previous open interest: 23260 | Jun 95 | 93.07 | 93.11 | 93.06 | 93.09 | 519 |
| Euro Swiss Franc | Mar 95 | 95.87 | 95.89 | 95.85 | 95.87 | 2381 |
| Previous open interest: 45143 | Jun 95 | 95.57 | 95.60 | 95.54 | 95.55 | 1948 |
| Italian Govmt Bond | Mar 95 | 99.76 | 99.92 | 99.38 | 99.45 | 34361 |
| Previous open interest: 5759 | Jun 95 | | | | 98.48 | 0 |

## MONEY RATES (%)

Base Rates: Clearing Banks 6¼ Finance Hse 7
Discount Market Loans: O/night high: 4½ Low 4 Week fixed: 5¼
Treasury Bills (Dis): Buy: 2 mth 6¼; 3 mth 6¼. Sell: 2 mth 6¼; 3 mth: 6¼.

| | 1 mth | 2 mth | 3 mth | 6 mth | 12 mth |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Prime Bank Bills (Dis): | 6¼-6⅛ | 6½-6¼ | 6¾-6⅝ | 7-6⅞ | |
| Sterling Money Rates: | 6⅝-6⅝ | 6⅝-6⅝ | 6⅞-6⅝ | 7⅛-7 | 7⅞-7⅝ |
| Interbank: | 6⅛-6⅜ | 6⅝-6⅝ | 6⅞-6⅝ | 7⅛-7 | 7⅞-7⅝ |

Overnight: open 4¾, close 4¼.

| | 1 mth | 2 mth | 3 mth | 6 mth | 12 mth |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Local Authority Deps: | 6⅛ | n/a | 6⅝ | 7⅛ | 7⅞ |
| Sterling CDs: | 6⅛-6¼ | 6⅜-6¼ | 6⅝-6⅝ | 7⅛-7 | 7⅞-7⅝ |
| Dollar CDs: | 6.03 | n/a | 6.23 | 6.59 | 7.10 |
| Building Society CDs: | 6⅛-6⅜ | 6⅝-6⅝ | 6⅝-6⅝ | 7⅛-7 | 7⅞-7⅝ |

ECGD: Fixed Rate Sterling Export Finance. Make-up day: Jan 31, 1995 Agreed rates Feb 26, 1995 to Mar 25, 1995 Scheme III: 7.87%. Reference rate Dec 31, 1994 to Jan 31, 1995 Scheme IV & V: 6.624%.

## EUROPEAN MONEY DEPOSITS (%)

| Currency | 7 day | 1 mth | 3 mth | 6 mth | Call |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Dollar: | 6-5½ | 6⅛-5⅞ | 6⅛-6 | 6⅝-6⅝ | 5½-4½ |
| Deutschemark: | 5-4¾ | 5-4⅞ | 5⅛-4⅞ | 5⅜-5⅛ | 5½-4½ |
| French Franc: | 5½-5½ | 5⅝-5⅝ | 5⅝-5½ | 6⅛-6 | 6-5 |
| Swiss Franc: | 3½-3½ | 3⅝-3½ | 4-3¾ | 4⅛-4 | 4½-3½ |
| Yen: | 2½-2 | 2⅛-2⅛ | 2⅛-2⅛ | 2⅛-2⅛ | 2½-1½ |

## GOLD/PRECIOUS METALS (Baird & Co)

Bullion: Open $374.10-374.50 Close: $375.90-376.40 High: $376.05-376.55 Low: $373.50-374.00 AM: $376.25 PM: $376.25
Krugerrand: $375.50-377.50 (£237.50-239.50)
Platinum: $417.50 (£264.00) Silver: $4.69 (£2.965) Palladium: $157.50 (£99.60)

## STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

| Mkt Rates for Feb 1 | Range | Close | 1 month | 3 month |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Amsterdam | 2.6972-2.7070 | 2.7036-2.7070 | ¾-½pr | 1⅝-1½pr |
| Brussels | 49.58-49.71 | 49.60-49.71 | 6-3pr | 18-13pr |
| Copenhagen | 9.4800-9.5300 | 9.4800-9.4950 | ¼-½pr | 2½-1pr |
| Dublin | 1.0060-1.0091 | 1.0063-1.0090 | 6-3pr | 15-12pr |
| Frankfurt | 2.4065-2.4168 | 2.4136-2.4168 | ¾-½pr | 1¾-1½pr |
| Lisbon | 248.11-249.53 | 248.11-248.75 | 49-58ds | 183-201ds |
| Madrid | 206.06-209.48 | 206.06-206.36 | 27-38ds | 100-121ds |
| Milan | 2533.00-2548.60 | 2533.00-2536.30 | 3-5ds | 12-14ds |
| Montreal | 2.1935-2.2289 | 2.1935-2.1965 | 0.21-0.29ds | 0.42-0.57ds |
| New York | 1.5590-1.5828 | 1.5590-1.5600 | 0.04-0.02pr | 0.17-0.14pr |
| Oslo | 10.5410-10.5680 | 10.5410-10.5570 | 1½-½pr | 3½-2½pr |
| Paris | 8.3380-8.3580 | 8.3380-8.3520 | ¾-½pr | 2-1½pr |
| Stockholm | 11.6020-11.8700 | 11.6020-11.6260 | ½-1½ds | 3-4½ds |
| Tokyo | 155.19-157.43 | 155.19-155.46 | ¾-½pr | 1½-1½pr |
| Vienna | 16.93-17.06 | 17.02-17.06 | 2-1½pr | 7½-6¼pr |
| Zurich | 2.0294-2.0421 | 2.0391-2.0421 | ¾-½pr | 1½-1¼pr |

Source: Extel — Premium - pr. Discount - ds.

## DOLLAR RATES

| | |
|---|---|
| Australia | 1.3231-1.3239 |
| Austria | 10.71-10.72 |
| Belgium (Com) | 31.35-31.37 |
| Canada | 1.4065-1.4070 |
| Denmark | 6.0030-6.0060 |
| France | 5.2780-5.2795 |
| Germany | 1.5225-1.5235 |
| Hong Kong | 7.7330-7.7340 |
| Ireland | 1.5628-1.5643 |
| Italy | 1609.00-1610.00 |
| Japan | 99.35-99.45 |
| Malaysia | 2.5532-2.5542 |
| Netherlands | 1.7065-1.7070 |
| Norway | 6.6649-6.6669 |
| Portugal | 157.40-157.60 |
| Singapore | 1.4528-1.4538 |
| Spain | 131.95-132.00 |
| Sweden | 7.4521-7.4596 |
| Switzerland | 1.2854-1.2864 |

## OTHER STERLING

| | |
|---|---|
| Argentina peso* | 1.5800-1.5828 |
| Australia dollar | 2.0929-2.0952 |
| Bahrain dinar | 0.590-0.602 |
| Brazil real* | 1.3289-1.3330 |
| Cyprus pound | 0.7375-0.7475 |
| Finland markka | 7.4425-7.5585 |
| Greece drachma | 372.00-379.00 |
| Hong Kong dollar | 12.2313-12.2406 |
| India rupee | 49.15-50.11 |
| Kuwait dinar KD | 0.4675-0.4775 |
| Malaysia ringgit | 4.0341-4.0382 |
| Mexico peso | n/a |
| New Zealand dollar | 2.4753-2.4788 |
| Pakistan rupee | 48.20 Buy |
| Saudi Arabia riyal | 5.8675-5.9935 |
| Singapore dollar | 2.2962-2.2985 |
| S Africa rand (fin) | 6.3817-6.4175 |
| S Africa rand (com) | 5.6063-5.6123 |
| U A E dirham | 5.7450-5.8690 |

*Barclays Bank GTS * Lloyds Bank*

## FT-SE VOLUMES

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 3i | 423 | Legal & Gn | 570 |
| ASDA Gp | 8,200 | Lloyds Bk | 2,600 |
| Abbey Natl | 1,400 | MEPC | 820 |
| Alld Dom | 6,100 | Marks Spr | 11,000 |
| Argyll Gp | 4,000 | NatWst Bk | 2,800 |
| Arjo Wiggn | 775 | Nat Power | 4,500 |
| AB Foods | 882 | Nth Wst W | 627 |
| BAA | 3,000 | P & O | 1,400 |
| BAT Inds | 3,800 | Pearson | 950 |
| BOC | 801 | PowerGen | 2,000 |
| BP | 5,400 | Prudential | 3,900 |
| BTR | 10,000 | RMC | 521 |
| BT | 13,000 | RTZ | 3,200 |
| Bk of Scot | 2,900 | Rank Org | 2,100 |
| Barclays | 11,000 | Reckitt Col | 1,700 |
| Bass | 1,800 | Redland | 1,600 |
| Blue Circle | 1,800 | Reed Intl | 1,100 |
| Boots | 2,700 | Rentokil | 1,200 |
| Bowater | 3,000 | Reuters | 5,700 |
| Brit Aero | 817 | Rolls Royce | 1,700 |
| Brit Airwys | 3,000 | Ryl Ins | 1,400 |
| Brit Gas | 9,900 | Ryl Bk Scot | 1,000 |
| Brit Steel | 9,100 | Sainsbury | 4,700 |
| Burmah Cstl | 380 | Schroders | 15 |
| Cable Wire | 5,700 | Scot & New | 917 |
| Cadbury | 6,200 | Scot Power | 939 |
| Caradon | 2,200 | Sears | 1,100 |
| Carlton Cms | 618 | Svrn Trent | 531 |
| Cm Union | 1,100 | Shell Trans | 4,300 |
| Courtaulds | 1,600 | Siebe | 3,300 |
| De La Rue | 1,100 | SmKl Bch | 8,400 |
| Eastern Elec | 658 | Smith Nph | 7,000 |
| Enterpr Oil | 680 | Sthern Elec | 270 |
| Forte | 1,600 | Std Chartd | 1,300 |
| GKN | 827 | Sun Allnce | 2,000 |
| GRE | 1,700 | TI Gp | 2,900 |
| GUS | 3,200 | TSB | 6,200 |
| Gen Acc | 1,600 | Tesco | 5,500 |
| Gen Elec | 2,900 | Thames W | 1,200 |
| Glaxo | 7,800 | Thrn EMI | 1,900 |
| Granada | 4,200 | Tomkins | 3,800 |
| Grand Met | 3,900 | Unilever | 1,300 |
| Guinness | 4,700 | Utd Bisc | 1,300 |
| HSBC | 3,000 | Vodafone | 65,000 |
| Hanson | 12,000 | Warburg | 821 |
| ICI | 1,900 | Wellcome | 6,000 |
| Inchcape | 749 | Whitbread | 1,100 |
| Kingfisher | 824 | Wilms Hld | 1,300 |
| Ladbroke | 2,200 | Wolseley | 624 |
| Land Secs | 1,800 | Zeneca | 2,500 |

## WALL STREET

| | Feb 1 midday | Jan 31 close |
|---|---|---|
| AMP Inc | 71¼ | 71 |
| AMR Corp | 56¾ | 56½ |
| AT & T | 49¾ | 49½ |
| Abbott Labs | 35½ | 35¾ |
| Advanced Micro | 29¾ | 29¾ |
| Aetna Life | 49¾ | 49½ |
| Ahmanson (HF) | 16½ | 16½ |
| Air Prod & Chem | 44½ | 44¼ |
| Albertson's | 29½ | 29½ |
| Alcan Alumnm | 24½ | 24½ |
| Alco Standard | 64¾ | 64½ |
| Allied Signal | 36 | 35½ |
| Alum Co of Am | 79½ | 78¾ |
| Amax Gold Inc | 4½ | 4½ |
| Amerada Hess | 44½ | 45½ |
| Amer Brands | 37¾ | 38 |
| Amer El Power | 35 | 35 |
| Amer Express | 31½ | 31½ |
| Amer Genl Corp | 29½ | 29½ |
| Amer Home Pr | 70½ | 70½ |
| Amer Intl | 103½ | 104¼ |
| Amer Stores | 23¼ | 23½ |
| Ameritech | 43½ | 43¾ |
| Amoco | 57¾ | 58 |
| Anheuser-Busch | 54½ | 54¾ |
| Apple Computer | 40½ | 40¼ |
| Archer Daniels | 20 | 20¼ |
| Armco | 6¼ | 6¼ |
| Armstrng Wrld | 44¾ | 44¼ |
| Asarco | 26¾ | 26¼ |
| Ashland Oil | 32½ | 32½ |
| All Richfield | 105¾ | 106½ |
| Auto Data Pro | 59 | 59½ |
| Avery Dennison | 36 | 35½ |
| Avon Products | 57 | 57½ |
| Baker Hughes | 17½ | 17¾ |
| Baltim Gas & El | 24½ | 24½ |
| Banc One | 29½ | 29¾ |
| BankAmerica | 43¾ | 43½ |
| Bank of NY | 30¾ | 30 |
| Bankers Tr NY | 62¼ | 62½ |
| Barnett Banks | 43 | 42½ |
| Bausch & Lomb | 31¾ | 31½ |
| Baxter Intl | 29¾ | 29½ |
| Becton Dickinsn | 52¾ | 52½ |
| Bell Atlantic | 54¾ | 54½ |
| BellSouth | 59¾ | 59½ |
| Black & Decker | 23¾ | 24 |
| Block (H&R) | 35¾ | 35½ |
| Boeing | 45¾ | 44½ |
| Boise Cascade | 27½ | 27 |
| Borden Inc | 13¾ | 13½ |
| Bristol Myrs Sq | 61½ | 61½ |
| Browning Ferris | 31¼ | 31 |
| Brunswick | 19¾ | 19¾ |
| Burlington Nthn | 48¾ | 47½ |
| CBS | 58¾ | 58¾ |
| CNA Financial | 66¾ | 66¾ |
| CPC Intl | 53¾ | 54¾ |
| CSX | 72½ | 71¾ |
| Campbell Soup | 42½ | 43½ |
| Can Pacific | 13½ | 13¾ |
| Cpd Cities ABC | 83¾ | 83 |
| Carolina Pwr | 28½ | 28¾ |
| Caterpillar | 51¾ | 51½ |
| Central & SW | 24¾ | 24½ |
| Champion Intl | 38½ | 38½ |
| Chase Manhat | 33¾ | 33½ |
| Chemical Bk | 38¾ | 38½ |
| Chevron Corp | 44¾ | 44¾ |
| Chrysler | 45½ | 45 |
| Chubb Corp | 80½ | 81 |
| Cigna Corp | 68 | 67½ |
| Citicorp | 40½ | 40½ |
| Clorox | 58¾ | 58¾ |
| Coastal Corp | 26½ | 27 |
| Coca Cola | 52½ | 52½ |
| Colgate-Palmolive | 61½ | 62½ |
| Columbia Gas | 24½ | 24¾ |
| Compaq Comp | 35½ | 35½ |
| Comp Ass Int | 50¾ | 49½ |
| Conagra | 30½ | 30½ |
| Conrail | 53¾ | 53½ |
| Cons Edison | 28¾ | 28½ |
| Cons Nat Gas | 34½ | 34½ |
| Cooper Inds | 37½ | 38½ |
| Corning Inc | 31½ | 31½ |
| Crown Cork | 40½ | 40½ |
| Dana Corp | 22½ | 22½ |
| Dayton Hudson | 69 | 68¾ |
| Deere | 71½ | 71½ |
| Delta Air Lines | 53¾ | 54 |
| Deluxe Corp | 26½ | 26¾ |
| Detroit Edison | 28 | 28 |
| Digital Equip | 34½ | 33½ |
| Dillard Dept St | 26½ | 26½ |
| Disney (Walt) | 51 | 50½ |
| Dominion Res | 38¾ | 38½ |
| Donelley (RR) | 30 | 30½ |
| Dover Corp | 57 | 56½ |
| Dow Chemical | 63 | 62½ |
| Dow Jones | 32½ | 32½ |
| Dresser | 19¾ | 19¾ |
| Duke Power | 40½ | 40½ |
| Dun & Brdstreet | 49¾ | 50 |
| Du Pont | 53¾ | 53½ |
| Eastman Kodak | 48¾ | 49 |
| Eaton Corp | 46½ | 46½ |
| Emerson Elec | 63¾ | 63 |
| Engelhard Corp | 25½ | 24½ |

| | Feb 1 midday | Jan 31 close |
|---|---|---|
| Enron Corp | 29¾ | 29¾ |
| Entergy | 24½ | 24¾ |
| Ethyl Corp | 10¼ | 10¼ |
| Exxon | 62¼ | 62½ |
| FMC Corp | 57¾ | 57½ |
| FPL Group | 36¾ | 36¾ |
| Federal Express | 61½ | 60½ |
| Fed Nat Mtge | 73 | 71½ |
| First Chicago | 46½ | 47 |
| First Interstate | 74 | 74 |
| First Union Rlty | 8½ | 8½ |
| Fleet Finl Grp | 31½ | 31½ |
| Fluor Corp | 46¾ | 46½ |
| Ford Motor | 26 | 25¾ |
| GTE Corp | 33¾ | 33½ |
| Gannett | 50¾ | 50½ |
| Gap Inc Del | 32½ | 32½ |
| Gen Dynamics | 42½ | 43¾ |
| Gen Electric | 51 | 51½ |
| Gen Mills | 56¾ | 56½ |
| Gen Motors | 40 | 38½ |
| Gen Reinsurance | 129¾ | 129¾ |
| Gen Signal | 34½ | 34½ |
| Genuine Parts | 36½ | 36¾ |
| Georgia Pac | 72½ | 72 |
| Gillette | 77½ | 76½ |
| Glaxo ADR | 19½ | 19¾ |
| Goodrich (BF) | 43½ | 43½ |
| Goodyear Tire | 36½ | 36¾ |
| Grace (W&R) | 38½ | 38½ |
| Grt Atl Pac Tea | 18¾ | 18¾ |
| Great Wstn Fin | 17½ | 17½ |
| Halliburton | 36½ | 36½ |
| Harcourt General | 33½ | 33½ |
| Heinz (HJ) | 39¾ | 39¾ |
| Hercules | 40 | 39½ |
| Hershey Foods | 48¾ | 48½ |
| Hewlett Packard | 101½ | 100½ |
| Hilton Hotels | 66¾ | 67½ |
| Home Depot | 46¾ | 46½ |
| Homestake Mng | 15¾ | 15½ |
| Honeywell | 34¾ | 34½ |
| Household Intl | 40½ | 40¾ |
| Houston Inds | 40 | 39½ |
| Humana | 23½ | 22½ |
| ITT Corp | 89¾ | 89½ |
| Illinois Tool | 40 | 40½ |
| Illinova | 22½ | 22½ |
| INCO | 26½ | 26¾ |
| Ingersoll Rand | 31½ | 31½ |
| Inland Steel | 28½ | 28½ |
| Intel Corp | 70 | 69½ |
| IBM | 73½ | 72½ |
| Intl Flav & Fr | 48½ | 49½ |
| Intl Paper | 72½ | 71½ |
| James River Va | 21½ | 21½ |
| Jhnsn & Jhnsn | 57½ | 58½ |
| Kellogg | 54¾ | 55 |
| Kerr-McGee | 47½ | 47¾ |
| Kimberly-Clark | 48½ | 48¾ |
| Kmart | 13½ | 13¾ |
| Knight-Ridder | 52½ | 52 |
| Lilly (Ell) | 66½ | 65½ |
| Limited Inc | 17½ | 16½ |
| LIN Brdcstng | 138.6880 | 139 |
| Lincoln Nat | 36½ | 36½ |
| Litton | 35½ | 35½ |
| Liz Claiborne | 16½ | 16¾ |
| Lockheed | 71½ | 72 |
| Louisiana Pac | 27 | 26½ |
| MCI Comm | 18½ | 18¾ |
| Marriott Int | 30½ | 30½ |
| Marsh & McLnn | 81 | 79½ |
| Masco Corp | 23½ | 23½ |
| May Dept St | 35¾ | 35½ |
| Maytag Corp | 14¾ | 14¾ |
| McDonalds | 32½ | 32¾ |
| McDonnell D | 51½ | 50 |
| McGraw Hill | 65¾ | 65 |
| Mead Corp | 50½ | 49½ |
| Medtronic | 59¾ | 59¾ |
| Mellon Bk | 35½ | 35 |
| Melville Corp | 30½ | 30½ |
| Merck Inc | 39¾ | 40½ |
| Merrill Lynch | 37 | 36½ |
| Minnesota Mine | 52 | 52½ |
| Mobil Corp | 86¾ | 86 |
| Monsanto | 73¾ | 73½ |
| Morgan (JP) | 62½ | 63 |
| Motorola Inc | 60¾ | 59½ |
| Natl Medical | 14½ | 14½ |
| Natl Semi | 18½ | 18½ |
| Natl Service Ind | 26½ | 25½ |
| Navistar Int | 15½ | 15½ |
| NBD Bancorp | 29½ | 29½ |
| NY Times A | 21½ | 21½ |
| Newmont Mng | 34½ | 34½ |
| Niag Mohawk | 15½ | 15½ |
| Nike B | 69¾ | 71 |
| NL Industries | 11½ | 12 |
| Noram Energy | 9½ | 9½ |
| Nordstrom | 41½ | 40½ |
| Norfolk Sthrn | 62½ | 62 |
| Nthn State Pwr | 46 | 46½ |
| Norwest Corp | 24 | 24 |
| Nynex Corp | 39¾ | 39½ |
| Occidental Pet | 18½ | 18½ |
| Ohio Edison | 21 | 21½ |
| Oracle Systems | 43½ | 42½ |
| Oryx Energy Co | 10½ | 10½ |

| | Feb 1 midday | Jan 31 close |
|---|---|---|
| Owens Corning | 30¾ | 30¾ |
| PPG Industries | 35½ | 35½ |
| PNC Bank | 23½ | 23½ |
| Paccar Inc | 43½ | 43 |
| Pacificorp | 19¾ | 19¾ |
| Pac Enterprises | 22½ | 22½ |
| Pac Gas & Elect | 25½ | 25¾ |
| Pac Telesis | 30¾ | 30½ |
| Pall Corp | 19½ | 19 |
| Panhandle East | 21 | 21 |
| Parker Hannifin | 46¾ | 47½ |
| Peco Energy | 27 | 26½ |
| Penney (JC) | 41½ | 41½ |
| Pennzoil | 45 | 45 |
| Pepsico | 37¾ | 36½ |
| Pfizer | 81¾ | 81½ |
| Phelps Dodge | 53 | 52½ |
| Philip Morris | 59¾ | 59½ |
| Phillips Pet | 31½ | 31½ |
| Pitney Bowes | 31½ | 30½ |
| Polaroid | 31½ | 30¾ |
| PriceCostco | 14 | 13½ |
| Procter & Gmbl | 64¾ | 65½ |
| Providian | 34½ | 34¾ |
| Pub Serv E & G | 28¾ | 28½ |
| Quaker Oats | 33¾ | 34 |
| Ralston Purina | 45½ | 45 |
| Raychem Corp | 38 | 38½ |
| Raytheon | 67½ | 66¾ |
| Reebok Intl | 35½ | 38 |
| Reynolds Metals | 50½ | 50 |
| Roadway Srvcs | 49¾ | 50 |
| Rockwell Intl | 37½ | 37½ |
| Rohm & Haas | 54¾ | 54½ |
| Royal Dutch | 112 | 111½ |
| Rubbermaid | 30¾ | 30½ |
| Safeco Corp | 53½ | 52½ |
| St Paul's Cos | 48½ | 47½ |
| Salomon Inc | 37½ | 38½ |
| Santa Fe Pac | 18½ | 18½ |
| Sara Lee Corp | 26½ | 26½ |
| Seecorp | 16½ | 16½ |
| Schering Plough | 77½ | 78½ |
| Schlumberger | 52½ | 52½ |
| Scott Paper | 70½ | 69½ |
| Seagram | 28½ | 28½ |
| Sears Roebuck | 44¾ | 44½ |
| Shell Trans | 67½ | 66½ |
| Sherwin Wllms | 33¾ | 33½ |
| Skyline Corp | 17½ | 17½ |
| Snap-On-Tools | 32½ | 31½ |
| Southern Co | 21 | 20½ |
| Sthwestern Bell | 42½ | 42½ |
| Sprint Corp | 29¾ | 28½ |
| Stanley Works | 38½ | 37½ |
| Sun Company | 29¾ | 29½ |
| Sun Microsys | 39½ | 32½ |
| Suntrust | 51½ | 51½ |
| Supervalu | 23½ | 23½ |
| Sysco Corp | 27½ | 27½ |
| TRW Inc | 64¾ | 64½ |
| TCC Inds | 2½ | 2½ |
| Tandem Comp | 17½ | 17½ |
| Tandy Corp | 44½ | 44½ |
| Teledyne | 22½ | 22½ |
| Temple Inland | 46 | 45½ |
| Tenneco | 43½ | 44 |
| Texaco | 60¾ | 61½ |
| Texas Inst | 70½ | 69 |
| Texas Utilides | 34½ | 34½ |
| Textron | 51½ | 51½ |
| Time Warner | 36 | 36 |
| Times-Mirror | 32½ | 32½ |
| Timken | 34 | 32½ |
| Torchmark | 39½ | 39 |
| Toys R Us | 29½ | 29½ |
| Transamerica | 51½ | 51½ |
| Travelers | 37½ | 36½ |
| Tribune | 51½ | 52½ |
| Tyco Labs | 48½ | 48½ |
| UST Inc | 29½ | 29½ |
| UAL | 92¾ | 92½ |
| USX Marathon | 16 | 16 |
| Unicom | 26 | 26 |
| Unilever NV | 118½ | 118 |
| Union Camp | 48½ | 47½ |
| Union Carbide | 26 | 25½ |
| Union Pacific | 50½ | 50¾ |
| Unisys Corp | 9½ | 9 |
| USAIR Group | 5½ | 5½ |
| USF&G Corp | 15½ | 15 |
| US Life | 35½ | 35½ |
| US West | 39¾ | 39½ |
| United Tech | 63¾ | 64½ |
| Unocal Corp | 26½ | 26½ |
| Upjohn | 33¾ | 33½ |
| VF Corp | 48¾ | 48½ |
| WMX Tech | 28½ | 28½ |
| Wal-Mart Stores | 23½ | 23 |
| Warner-Lambert | 77½ | 78 |
| Wells Fargo | 148½ | 147½ |
| Westinghouse El | 14 | 14 |
| Weyerhaeuser | 38¾ | 37½ |
| Whirlpool | 50½ | 49½ |
| Whitman | 16½ | 16½ |
| Winn Dixie | 53½ | 53½ |
| Woolworth | 15½ | 15½ |
| Wrigley (Wm) Jr | 44¾ | 44½ |
| Xerox | 107½ | 109½ |
| Yellow Corp | 21½ | 21½ |

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## For internal consumption

THE Takeover Panel has been informed of a draft research note on Wellcome by Robert Fleming Securities, whose corporate finance division on the other side of the Chinese Wall is advising the charitable Wellcome Trust. The bank advised Wellcome Trust to sell its 39.5 per cent Wellcome stake to hostile bidder Glaxo, without realising that Ian White, its pharmaceuticals analyst, was about to urge clients to buy Wellcome shares in anticipation of a trebling of sales of Retrovir, its Aids drug. White penned: "Whilst we are not anticipating a takeover bid for Wellcome or a merger, we think that the value of the company in such a transaction provides an important, additional safeguard to investors." Like medicine, the draft research was for internal consumption only, though it had been given limited circulation to clients. The note has now been stopped in its tracks.

## Ice work

ROB DAVIES, ten years a mining analyst in the Square Mile, is leaving Smith New Court for Baring Securities where, appropriately, he will follow mining issues and emerging markets. Davies, 41, has not only dug up gold and copper in Australia, but once served HMG as a geologist in Antarctica. I trust he has stayed in touch with his penguin contacts who can on-pass to Barings information about which ice cap to look under for mineral deposits.

## Sir Omen

IT USED to be nomination as Young Businessmen of the Year that presaged corporate disaster. But can a knighthood now be the omen? Last week it was Sir Geoff Mulcahy of Kingfisher who shocked the City. Yesterday it was new year-honoured Sir Gerald Whent of Vodafone Group who issued a profits warning.



'Never mind flood levels — what's happening to interest rates?'

## Swiss break

ONE man who won't be jumping up and down on any trampolines at the City's newest health club, which opened yesterday in the Lloyd's building and is run by the Mike Corby Group, is Ian Strachan — soon to leave RTZ for BTR. At the weekend, skiing in Switzerland, Ian broke his left leg. However, my St Bernard's dog reports that Ian is already back on his feet and has started to hobble.

## Ringing tone

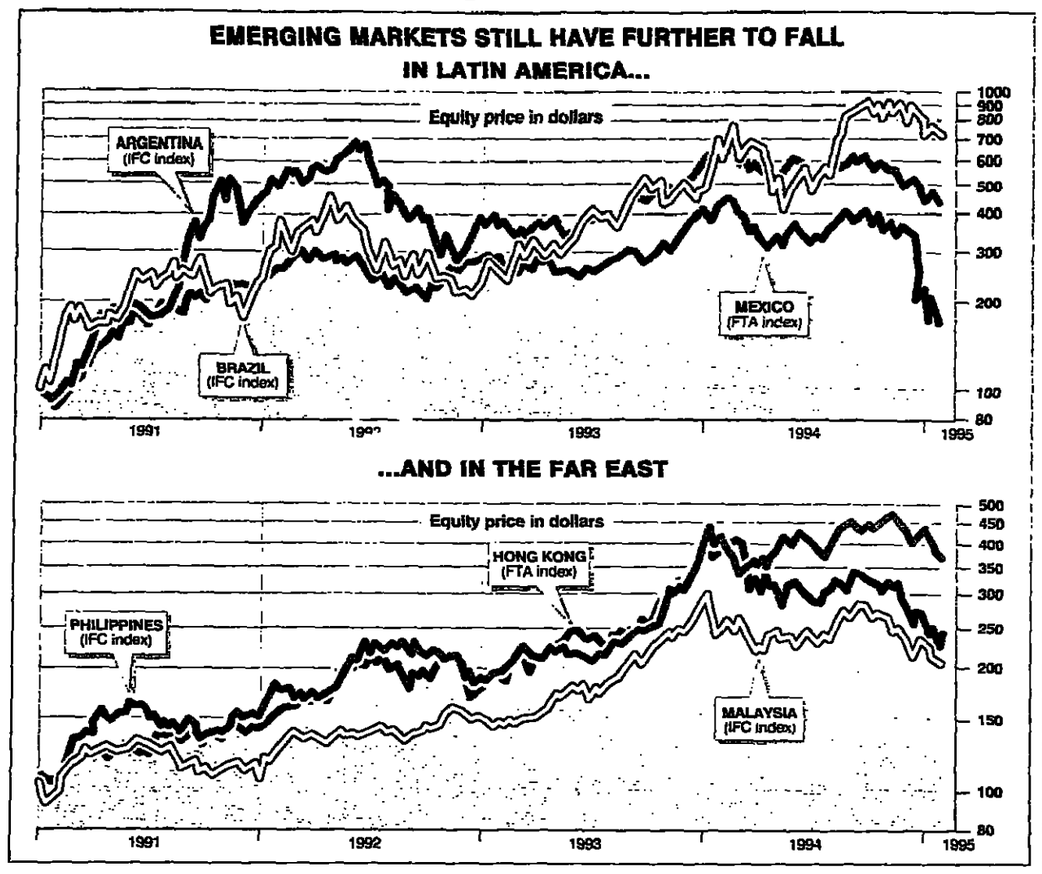
ADRIAN Ridley-Jones, a consultant with Logica, the UK computer and software group, is feeling rather chuffed with himself. In a 1991 study for a Japanese bank on the European mobile phone market, he predicted that in 1994 UK mobile phone users would number 3,151,000. A recent survey shows that by the end of December there were 3,202,843 users. And his six numbers for this week's National Lottery are ...

COLIN CAMPBELL

ECONOMIC VIEW  ANATOLE KALETSKY

# Why Mexico may have done the world a good turn

**Investors in submerging markets should be forced to face up to their mistakes**




The World Economic Forum this weekend in Davos was uncannily reminiscent of the IMF annual meeting in Toronto in 1982. Mexico is a country that two months ago would not even have appeared on the radar screens of most of the business magnates, financiers and politicians who come to Davos each year in search of new ideas and trends or simply to make contacts and do deals. Yet this week, there was one question on everyone's lips: what will happen to Mexico?

It was just the same 13 years ago. The worried bankers and finance ministers who descended on Toronto in September 1982, were obsessed with the debt moratorium announced by Mexico a month before. But few of them suspected that Mexico's inability to pay its debts would be only the prelude to a global debt crisis destined to dominate all international financial policy-making for a decade.

Fewer still realised that Mexico would soon trigger defaults in Brazil, Argentina, Venezuela, Nigeria, the Philippines and dozens of other developing countries. And none at all predicted that this financial disaster, which condemned the whole of Latin America to a "lost decade" of economic depression and culminated in loan losses worth far more than the combined capital of all the big American banks, would coincide with a worldwide bull market in equities, an unprecedented surge in the dollar and the longest expansion of world economic activity for 20 years.

Could some of the same global consequences, both for good and for ill, flow from this latest chapter in the saga of incompetence and irresponsibility which is the history of Mexico's relations with international capitalism?

Certainly, the latest debt crisis seems bullish for the dollar. As in the early 1980s, American investors and banks have been responsible for most of the flows of money into the emerging markets. Now that Wall Street has rechristened these countries "submerging markets", the dollar is likely to be boosted, just as it was after 1982. But beyond this narrowly financial observation, are there any parallels between 1982 and today?

According to the best informed opinion, the answer is no. From Davos to Jakarta, from George Soros to Bill Clinton, there is one thing the experts are all agreed on: this is not 1982. The key differences are constantly restated. The risks of worldwide contagion are much smaller than they were 13 years ago, because the Mexican economy is far sounder and other developing countries are even better managed than Mexico. The world financial system is not at risk, because the people facing losses this time are not banks, but stock market investors. The other great difference lies in the world's response. Policy-makers have learnt from the mistakes of the 1980s. In spite of the nail-biting delays, it has taken Washington less than a month to produce a $50 billion financial rescue after this crisis; in the 1980s, it took seven years before American bankers acknowledged their losses and politicians faced up to economic reality by legalising the Mexican default under the Brady Plan. All this is true, yet I still suspect this crisis will prove as far-reaching as the one of 1982.

It is certainly true that most Third World economies are now more soundly managed than they were in the early 1980s. It is also true that Mexico's problems are now more unusual than they used to be among the countries of Latin America. Mexico has proved far more impervious than most of its neighbours to the main lesson of 1982: that developing countries should not support overvalued exchange rates and rely for their development on "foreign savings". Against these and other differences, however, there is one all-important similarity between the crises today and in 1982.

The fundamental problem in both cases was a financial bubble: an international flow of money that had long since gone beyond the bounds of normal financial prudence, and was being sustained by a combination of herd instinct, short-sightedness and economic ignorance. Brazil may not have a big current account deficit like Mexico. Malaysia may be better managed and Hong Kong may have better long-term prospects, but all have had their financial markets distorted by the same global mania for emerging market investment. Regardless of the relative soundness of their economic fundamentals, therefore, all of these countries will have to suffer from the bust that inevitably follows an unsustainable financial boom.

The reaction of the monetary authorities today also has a crucial point in common with 1982. In both cases, the G7 governments, led by Washington, have tried to protect their financiers from the consequences of their own stupidity by conjuring up vast rescue packages. But the markets will not suspend disbelief forever, especially if on close inspection, much of the money in the rescue packages does not exist. I suspect that the $50 billion package put together this week for Mexico may start to crumble at the edges once governments start to argue over which of their taxpayers are putting up the money and why. But even if the Mexican package does offer real money, it will come too late for investors who have already seen the value of their assets fall by half.

Just as the Mexican bailout of 1982 did nothing to make banks more willing to lend to other developing countries, the latest package will not persuade stock market investors to keep their money in markets that remain overvalued, such as Argentina, Thailand or Brazil.

It seems, therefore, that a generalised meltdown in emerging markets is likely, even if President Clinton's Mexican package survives the scrutiny of next weekend's meeting of the G7. But, unlike other Cassandras I believe that such a collapse could actually be quite helpful to the world economy. Throughout the 1980s I argued that a formal default and writedown of debt by the Third World would actually be good for the world economy. Today, I can also see some major benefits from forcing investors in Mexico and other submerging markets to face up to their mistakes.

First, the end of the global boom in emerging market investment, a boom that has blown up the total value of Third World stock markets from $400 billion to $2.1 trillion in just five years, seems thoroughly healthy. Unstable capital inflows, encouraging rampant speculation, have rarely been helpful for economic and social development in the Third World.

The lure of apparently enormous investment returns in emerging markets has also been disruptive of attitudes to risk and reward in the mature economies. Too many businessmen and investors in Europe and America have been asking themselves why they should tie up money into industrial projects at home for returns of 10 or 15 per cent, when putting money on the Thai or Mexican stock markets offers a return of 20 to 30 per cent a year. The answer, which has always been clear, is now even more obvious: an investment that grows by 30 per cent a year for four years is likely to fall by 50 per cent in year five.

The more reliable way to share in the rapid growth of developing countries is to reap a reward for entrepreneurship: that means actually managing industrial or commercial facilities in the Third World, or investing in multinational companies which do this.

The second unexpected benefit of the Mexican crisis lies in its timing. A recession is now certain in Mexico and probable in most of Latin America. There should also be a sharp slowdown in other developing countries. This will come at a handy time for the rich industrialised countries of Europe and North America, just as it did in the mid-1980s. Flagging demand in the Third World should counteract inflation, weaken commodity prices, and reduce the pressure for higher interest rates in Europe and the US.

A "soft landing" of the world economy after the recent period of exceptionally rapid growth was always quite likely. Mexico now enhances the chances of such a soft landing, similar to the period of steady non-inflationary growth at the height of the last debt crisis, from 1983 to 1986.

The long-suffering people of Mexico will find this no consolation, but the incompetence of their governments may have done the rest of the world a good turn.

# BT chief scores an own goal in pay debate

**Philip Bassett** on the aftermath of Sir Iain Vallance's "flip remark"

While most things that business and other leaders say tend to pass into the ether, some quotes stick for ever. Gerald Ratner's remarks about some of his former company's products are one example. Now Sir Iain Vallance, BT chairman, is in the spotlight.

The reverberations of his remark on Tuesday to the all-party Commons Employment Select Committee were still resounding yesterday. In the midst of a steadfast and unembarrassed defence of his £633,000 salary package, Sir Iain said he normally worked a 70-hour week. He then said: "I would quite like a job as a junior doctor in the NHS. It might be relaxing." The impact of those words was immediate: a sharp intake of breath in Committee Room 15.

As he finished saying the words, Sir Iain clearly knew he had made a big mistake. The taut, serious faces of his media advisers behind him told their own tale. MPs on the committee could barely believe what they had heard, and within a few minutes raised the phrase again — allowing Sir Iain to try to claw back what ground he could by declaring it was a "flip remark" that "in retrospect" — all of two minutes — "I might not have wished to have made it."

> A moment of madness — like Cantona's kick

"What he didn't do, though," one MP said yesterday, "was what he should have done: just said 'sorry'. Immediately. Straight away. It wouldn't have taken away such a disgusting remark. But at least it would have been *something*."

Sorry didn't spring to Sir Iain's lips yesterday either, as he gave a series of media interviews aimed at smoothing things over but which may well have made matters worse by giving a wider public airing to the claim he made to the committee that he had "no evidence" of any concern within BT about his pay level. No union leader had ever complained, for instance — something denied within hours by Tony Young, joint general-secretary of the Communication Workers' Union.

"I simply couldn't believe it when I saw it on the TV news," said one BT figure yesterday. "It was just unbelievably crass." Another said: "It was a moment of madness — like watching Cantona kick into the crowd." The mercurial French footballer and the smooth Sir Iain make an unlikely comparison. But just as the Manchester United star will have to live with his actions, so Sir Iain will have to come to terms with his inappropriate comparison between how many hours he puts into his job with those of a group of people well known for being overworked and underpaid.

Business leaders, even — perhaps especially — those as successful as Sir Iain in terms of the performance of the company he heads are rarely subjected to close questioning. Equally, they tend not to have a high regard for many of the MPs on the Commons committees to which, increasingly, they have to give evidence.

None of this much matters, in one sense. BT's share price is unlikely to rock in the way that Ratners did, for instance. But in another sense it does, because of the high levels of public concern about the pay of senior company executives. In fact, Sir Iain had some good points to make about his own pay — giving strong evidence, for instance, that there is for senior information technology (IT) managers an international competitive market in a way that there simply is not for managers of UK regional electricity companies. The chairman of AT&T in America, for example, is paid £1,592,000, and his IBM counterpart £1,750,000. BT has lost senior executives not just to Mercury and Energis in the UK, but to US telecom and IT companies, and, by these measures, Sir Iain's salary clearly is uncompetitive.

For someone about to serve under Sir Richard Greenbury, Marks and Spencer chairman, on the CBI's government-approved committee on executive pay, Sir Iain will find it hard, probably impossible, to live down his 17 words.

Eric Cantona will be back playing football, and Sir Iain will continue to run Britain's largest private sector company. But both will forever be haunted by a brief few seconds when they went over the top.

## BUSINESS LETTERS

### Familiar questions raised by the proposed Glaxo-Wellcome takeover

*From Mr Monty Meth*

Sir, When the Beecham Group tried to merge with Glaxo in 1971 the issue was referred by the Heath Government to the Monopolies Commission, which ruled against it in July 1972 saying: "There are no good grounds for believing that the merging of Beecham and Glaxo would result in more promising ideas than if the two continued to work independently. Indeed, the elimination of competition seems more likely to lead to fewer ideas", (paragraph 249).

With hindsight, perhaps the Commission was right. Beecham certainly went on to produce Augmentin, its world-leading antibiotic, and other successful treatments for life-threatening diseases. Glaxo launched Zantac in 1981, now the largest selling product in the world pharmaceutical market, and many other medicines.

It is true that the global market is almost 23 years older and much more developed since the Monopolies Commission said the Beecham-Glaxo merger would operate against the public interest because the "international competitiveness of the industry would be impaired with adverse effects on this country's balance of payments", (paragraph 253).

Yet is the time lapse the only reason why the Glaxo-Wellcome takeover — not merger — is being viewed differently today? Has the Department of Trade and Industry considered referring the bid to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission, or does it no longer care about the elimination of another British-owned pharmaceutical company?

The Glaxo bid for Wellcome may be the best thing for Britain. But should the shareholder value and market forces alone be allowed to determine the future of two great companies and the livelihood of thousands of people they employ? Does the Wellcome Trust not have the responsibility to say publicly why it has reneged on its pledge that it would "not solicit or encourage takeover offers for the company" until 1997?

It is a sad commentary on our recent industrial performance that we are now left relying on the Charity Commissioners and the High Court to approve or block Britain's largest ever takeover bid.

Is nobody today prepared to question, as the Heath Government did, whether shutting a £360 million research and development programme, largely centered in Britain, and the loss of some 17,000 jobs is in the public interest — or does that no longer matter to a country whose people made pharmaceuticals one of its most successful industries?

Yours sincerely,
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### ACCA is not 'junior'

*From Mrs Anthea Rose*

Sir, Pennington (January 25) mentioned that the "six professional (accountancy) bodies asked a distinguished former president of a junior body" to draw up a plan for the future organisation of the accountancy profession. Pennington is right, the chairman of CCAB Working Party on the Future Structure of the Accountancy Profession and former president of the Chartered Association of Certified Accountants (ACCA), David Bishop, is "distinguished".

He is wrong, though, about the ACCA. The association is the second largest — and fastest-growing — accountancy body in the UK and the largest, genuinely international, accountancy body in the world. Current membership and student numbers stand at 155,000. ACCA enjoys full statutory recognition under UK companies and financial services legislation. Hardly a "junior body".

Yours faithfully,
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# Belling pensions depend on ruling by the Law Society

By Robert Miller

HUNDREDS of members of the Belling pension scheme face reductions in future benefits if the Law Society continues to reject a multi-million pound claim against its compensation fund.

Belling & Co, famed among generations of students for its Baby Belling cooker, went into receivership in 1992. Law Debenture, the firm of independent trustees appointed after Belling collapsed, yesterday said that if the Law Society rejects a third application for a $3.5 million claim, it will have to cut back on benefits for 855 deferred members of the pension scheme, many of whom are soon to retire and draw on the fund.

The trustees added that even if its claim is met in full, members may not escape unscathed. The Belling scheme is already paying pensions to nearly 700 people.

The trustees have based their claim on the fact that the $3.5 million in question was pension fund money taken from the Belling scheme and paid to the client account of a firm of solicitors, with a sole practitioner. The money was advance interest on a $50 million loan to Belling from another company of which the solicitor was a director. The loan was never paid and the $3.5 million has not been recovered.

The solicitor was declared bankrupt in 1993. He has been charged by Staffordshire Police, working in conjunction with the Serious Fraud Office, with 16 counts of alleged fraud, totalling $30 million. It is understood that the Staffordshire Fraud Squad has now broadened the scope of its investigation.

Law Debenture has argued that the Law Society has an obligation to pay compensation because the solicitor was a member of the society.

In its initial ruling on Law Debenture's claim, lodged in November 1992, the Law Society's compensation fund committee rejected it on the grounds that the loss of pension fund assets was "primarily the responsibility of the scheme's trustees", although there was no suggestion of any wrongdoing on their part.

An appeal against that decision in March last year was rejected for the same reason.

Last October, Law Debenture applied to the High Court for judicial review of the Law Society decision. A month later, the Law Society, which has 62,000 practicising members in England and Wales who have to pay annual levies to fund the solicitors compensation scheme, decided to re-hear the application. This could be considered next month, although, because of the complexity of the case, it may be held over until April.

The Belling claim is the largest single call ever made on the Law Society compensation fund, which last year paid out a record £23 million.

Tim Eggar, Energy Minister and MP for Enfield North, where many of the Belling pension scheme members live, has taken a close interest in the case. He said yesterday: "I will continue the battle on behalf of my constituents."

# Aid for small firms is 'badly targeted'

By Our City Staff

THE British Chambers of Commerce (BCC), representing 200,000 businesses, yesterday criticised government schemes to assist small firms, describing them as diffuse, poorly targeted and opaque, putting small firms "at a disadvantage compared to their competitors".

The BCC was giving evidence to MPs on the Trade and Industry Select Committee.

It believes that the Business Link Initiative is "particularly helpful and a significant step towards addressing the deficiencies". But regional grants are described by the chambers as blunt instruments doing little to foster real growth in capacity, competence, or competitiveness of British firms.

The BCC was pleased that a structure of business support was already in place thanks to government-funded Training and Enterprise Councils (Tecs) and Local Enterprise Councils (Lecs).

However, it said that Britain is "some way from the goal of a network of well resourced independent business lead bodies offering quality assured service throughout the UK, which is recognised by statute and financed, in part, by a sustainable source of funding".

The BCC has also criticised banks by saying that reliance on short-term overdraft funding has compounded the problems of small businesses. It is seeking initiatives such as "mutual loan guarantee schemes or linking the provision of finance to management training".

In its evidence the BCC also called for changes in commercial law, particularly the legal aspects of insolvency and costs.

# Broker extends its spread on Asia



Michael Marks says SNC's joint venture is part of a long-term commitment to India

By Patricia Tehan
Banking Correspondent

SMITH NEW COURT, the broker, has strengthened its presence in Pakistan and India with two deals worth about $3 million. The deals are part of its expansion strategy in the subcontinent and Asia through joint ventures.

SNC has exercised an option to buy 30 per cent of International Securities, a Karachi broker. The other 70 per cent is held by United Distributors, a Pakistani trading group with interests including tobacco, oil and computers.

The broker, renamed Smith International Securities (SISL), was set up 18 months ago. At the time SNC entered into a "technical assistance" agreement to set up a research department, and took an option to buy the stake.

SNC hopes SISL will become a leading broker in the Pakistan domestic market, as well as providing research and dealing services to its international client base.

The net asset value of SISL following the exercise of the option is expected to be about $1.2 million.

SNC is also to take a 51 per cent stake in a new stockbroking joint venture in India with IIT Investrust, an institutional and fund management company. The new company will be a full service stockbroker with a net asset value of about $3 million.

Michael Marks, SNC chairman, said the Indian joint venture is a demonstration of the firm's "long-term commitment" to the Indian market.

SNC has joint ventures in Sri Lanka and Malaysia, and has two "technical assistance" agreements in Bangkok and Jakarta that should lead to joint ventures over the next two years.

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# French Connection appoints new chief

By Susan Gilchrist

FRENCH Connection, the USM-quoted fashion group, has appointed a new chairman after the resignation of George Wardale.

The new chairman is David Bernstein, formerly managing director of Pentland Group, the sportswear company. Stephen Marks, French Connection's founder and chief executive, said that Mr Bernstein was ideal to take the group forward.

Mr Bernstein was responsible at Pentland, for identifying acquisition opportunities, and his appointment suggests that French Connection is entering a more aggressive growth phase.

Mr Wardale is leaving to take on the chairmanship of Libra Health Group, a small private hospital company. He joined French Connection in 1991 after it came close to collapse through over-ambitious diversification. Together with Mr Marks, he has revitalised the group by selling loss-making businesses and refocusing on its French Connection and Nicole Farhi brands.

# PW wins Jordanian telecoms contract

By Eric Reguly

PRICE WATERHOUSE, the consulting and accountancy firm, has won a £3.8 million contract to restructure Jordan's telecommunications sector and prepare its service provider for privatisation.

The 20-month contract is being funded entirely by the British Government's Overseas Development Agency. It will be monitored by the World Bank, which has been encouraging developing countries to transfer their phone companies into the commercial market so that they become eligible for loans.

John Wright, a corporate finance partner at Price Waterhouse, said: "This is a major telecoms project. We regard it as a coup."

Jordan's telecoms company, known as TCC, is unusual by Western standards in that it acts as policymaker, regulator and service provider all at once. Separating the three functions will be Price Waterhouse's first task. Jordan's goal is to have a telecoms policymaker like the Department of Trade and Industry, an independent regulator like Oftel and a service provider like BT.

Once the service provider is broken out, it can be privatised. Price Waterhouse's contract does not include the privatisation, which will be subject to a later contract.

Mr Wright said that about 12 Price Waterhouse employees, plus outside advisers, will work on the Jordanian contract. The first of them arrived in Amman yesterday.

Reorganising the telecoms sector of developing countries is a growth industry for consulting firms. Last year, the European Commission hired Price Waterhouse to advise the Slovenian Government on its telecoms sector and train telecoms regulators in 11 Eastern European countries.

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# ACCOUNTANCY

## Disagreeing with Mr Mitchell

**Ian Plaistowe** defends auditors and the set of proposals outlined in 'The Audit Agenda' document

It is a pity that Austin Mitchell continues to bombard the press with articles containing errors (January 5). They detract from and obfuscate the good points that *he does make.*

The Auditing Practices *Board (APB)* and Mr Mitchell share a passionate interest in audit. *Thus the APB's* statement of objectives says that it "is committed to *leading the* development of auditing practice... to establish high standards of auditing: meet the developing needs of users of financial information: and ensure public confidence in the *auditing process*".

We do not suggest that the proposals that we made in "The Audit Agenda" are a solution for all time or to all *auditing* issues, present and future. They are not. But they are steps to be taken *now* which are mostly deliverable *now.*

What are the things on which Mr Mitchell and we agree? That audit is an important aspect of our financial system and we need to do all we can to enhance its quality. On the *need for proper* training and education, strong supervision, discipline and for dealing with the pressures which result from audits with reduced fees. Our *profession* already has guidance on most of *these matters, but we called* for better training and education – just as Mr Mitchell did.

We too wish to ensure that the objectivity of auditors is not impaired by the performance of other services for audit clients. That is why we suggested that the audit committee approves such appointments. That is why we *suggested that the audit* engagement partner should not be responsible for selling other services for the firm.

But, unfortunately, Mr Mitchell confuses his concerns by disguising them in clouds of hyperbole, some self contradiction and sweeping assertions. *Here are examples of his* contradictions or errors.

1. *"The report ... offers a galaxy of new money-making scams ... for work which should be done anyway!"*

How can one reply to a sentence like that? When did you stop beating your wife? "The Audit Agenda" includes a number of proposals responding to user needs. They may involve some cost, but Mr Mitchell points out the danger of defining audit solely by cost.



Ian Plaistowe agrees with some of Austin Mitchell's points

Does he suggest that auditors should not respond to user demands such as reporting on systems of controls?

2. *"The APB deflects attention by painting failures as a result of individual incompetence."*

Rubbish. Where does that appear in "The Audit Agenda"? Yes, we do encourage *individuals to sign audit* reports in their own names on behalf of their firms. It recognises that, although an opinion may be that of the firm, one individual has to take responsibility for the report at the end of the day. Curiously, in the past, Mr Mitchell has often suggested that there should be greater independence and accountability of *individuals involved in audits* and sought disclosure of the individuals who took the key decisions on behalf of a firm.

3. *"[The Audit Agenda] is emitted (sic) on behalf of the big firms by the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England & Wales."*

Not true. It was issued by the Auditing Practices Board *without asking for the approv*al of any other organisation.

4. *"Partners from major firms were consulted. Joe Public wasn't."*

Not true. "The Future Development of Auditing", the predecessor publication, was published for wide consultation. In preparing "The Audit Agenda", the APB took account of the public's comments on the earlier paper and consulted interested parties including regulators, members of the accounting profession and others.

I could go on and on in correcting Mr Mitchell. But what is important is not his contradictions and mistakes but what "The Audit Agenda" says. It is part of the process of raising standards to meet pub*lic expectations of auditors. It* contains new suggestions (many far-reaching) on enhancing auditors' independence and for increasing the reliability of information published for shareholders. We should recognise it for what it is – a large step in the right direction.

*Ian Plaistowe is chairman of the Auditing Practices Board.*

## Consistency is the key issue

THERE are two schools of thought on the content of company reports. Pack them with information so that end-users can sift out what they require. Or strip them back to a minimum *of statutory information and argue that this* enables end-users to see the essential information *with greater clarity.*

Neither argument has much to do with the understandability of the relevant accounts. But it is a dilemma which is growing in importance. This is clear from the latest survey of published accounts. "Financial Reporting 1994-95 – a survey of UK reporting practice" is the latest in a 26-year sequence of publication by the English ICA. And, as has become the practice in recent years, it focuses in detail on several topical issues and provides essential survey data and analysis on the rest. Covering the UK's top 300 companies, it gives a clear idea each year of how the nation's corporate leaders are facing up to their responsibilities.

This year's is no exception. When it comes to disclosure of foreign currency exposure, a third of FT-SE 100 companies provide none. This at a time when exposure to risk is being seen as a key matter to communicate to investors. Of the top 100 companies, 7 per cent provide no disclo*sure of their property* valuations and the rest tend to provide figures which vary widely between the recent to ten-year-old valuations.

As for the issue of capital instruments, Professor Len Skerratt, of Manchester University, and David Tonkin, managing director of *Company Reporting*, the co-authors, report how FRS4, the new standard dealing *with the issue, is correcting* some of the "sillier treatments of capital instruments". But they also report how reluctant companies were to make sense of their figures. Only as the guillotine started to drop did many of them make any effort at all. "As the date for mandatory adoption approached," report Skerratt and Tonkin, "many companies made moves towards aligning themselves with the standard. Very *seldom," they say, "was full adoption of the* terms of the standard seen."

They also argue that a greater attention to the accounts as fashion statements is occurring. Companies will pay lip service to the day's big issue, but drop it when it becomes less fashionable. A few years back, Tonkin recalled, annual reports all had a lengthy statement which came under the heading of "environmental reporting". "Now it is vanishing," he said, "and when I ask companies why it's gone, they tell me 'this year it's the Cadbury code that we are highlighting'."

But even this is only appearing by omitting other sections of the report. "It is unfortunate *to note," says Peter Chidgey in his assess*ment of auditors' and directors' responsi*bility statements, "that the onset of SAS 600* (the relevant auditing standard) has meant *that auditors' statements of responsibilities,* included separately within financial statements, have begun to disappear ... It is perhaps inevitable, however, that such non-mandatory disclosures are the first victims of the competition for space in company reports."

The other area where companies were turning a lack of a direct line of responsibility to their advantage was that of the Cadbury code of best practice. In a section by Rowan *Jones and Andrew Piper, they argue that the* system whereby auditors review directors' compliance with the code is flawed. "Companies are not required to disclose the results of the auditors' review and readers may therefore be unaware of the scope of the review and its conclusions," says the survey. It also points out a further flaw. "Auditors are required to review the directors' statement of compliance, but not the actual actions of directors which are taken to achieve compliance."



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In other words, the auditors' "sanction of the statement of compliance could be *interpreted as confirmation* of compliance with the code *itself". The authors conclude* that "the end result is merely the publication of the directors' opinions, possibly ambiguously stated, on whether or not the code is being complied with".

But the real issue which comes over from the survey is that of the auditors. As Skerratt put it: "The Accounting Standards Board has got rid of things like extraordinary items because they were unauditable. It has *succeeded in limiting the choices available to* companies. Now the key question is for auditors to audit consistently."

As we know from the current phoney debate about the choice between judgment and rules, auditors would prefer greater freedom to make it up as they go along. We can expect future years' surveys to show ever-expanding disparities in reporting practice.

## ANY OTHER BUSINESS

### Editors spoiling for a fight

THE editors of the annual survey of UK reporting practice, *Financial Reporting*, always put up a good argumentative show at each year's launch of the latest issue. This year was no exception. Professor Len Skerratt and David Tonkin were in fine form. Skerratt insisting that "in critical areas the level of disclosure in financial reports is extremely low", and Tonkin saying he was "a great believer in the disclosure of large amounts of information so people can pick over the bones. Finance directors will hate me for this but it would also help analysts to become *more effective." At this point,* people paused to check if pigs *were flying past the windows.*

### Called to account

THE English ICA, meanwhile, is brushing aside criticisms of its own accounts. The annual report of the chairman of its communications committee says that "a new-look annual report and accounts provoked some adverse comment at the annual meeting as *not everyone appreciated the* vibrant front cover and the 'comic cuts' illustrations". But it remains unfazed. "The number of complaints was negligible," it concludes.

### Open to abuse

MEANWHILE, the latest report from the English ICA council on open meetings says that "on occasions, the open agenda has been so thin as to raise suspicions, however unwarranted, that 'interesting' items are taken behind closed doors". Indeed. But it continues: "Equally, some apparently innocuous public items have given rise to debates that have been difficult to handle in public relations terms. However, we must not be too sensitive. Even the most innocent item is capable of exploitation by an adroit journalist." Surely not.

### Samaritans

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TRADING PERIOD: Settlement takes place ten business days after the day of trade. Changes are calculated on the previous day's close, but adjustments are made when a stock is ex-dividend. Changes, yields and price/earnings ratios are based on middle prices.

## BANKS

| 1994/95 High | Low | Company | Price (p) | +/- | Yld % | P/E |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 523 | 380½ | Abbey Ntl | 425 | +6 | 4.6 | 14.3 |
| 314 | 233 | Allied Irish | 297 | +2 | 4.9 | 8.9 |
| 278½ | 171 | Aus New Z | 305 | +2 | 5.8 | |
| 3300 | 2462½ | Bank America | 2731½ | +18½ | | |
| 247 | 172½ | Bank Scotland | 209 | +1 | 3.2 | 11.8 |
| 640 | 487 | Barclays | 585½ | +½ | 3.5 | 14.3 |
| 319 | 246 | Bk of Ireland | 302 | +3 | 4.8 | 8.7 |
| 2912½ | 2262½ | Citicorp | 2525 | -18½ | | |
| 285½ | 203 | Close Bros | 223 | ... | 4.2 | 10.1 |
| £150¼ | £121½ | Commerzbk | £133½ | +131¼ | 6.2 | |
| 1296¼ | 993½ | Dai Ichi Kan Y | 1150 | -34¼ | 0.5 | |
| £344¾ | £270¼ | Deutsche Bk | £289 | -50 | 2.4 | |
| 1315¾ | 740¼ | Espirito Santo | 759¼ | +3½ | 5.0 | 3.8 |
| 90 | 57 | First Nat Fin | 68 | | 2.8 | 43.4 |
| 1549¼ | 1152½ | Fuji Bank Y | 1366¾ | -8¼ | 0.4 | |
| 473 | 209 | Hambros | 241 | +1 | 7.8 | 14.8 |
| 1113 | 589 | HSBC | 634 | +13 | 4.8 | 9.2 |
| 1133 | 578 | HSBC Hk | 624 | +13 | 4.9 | 9.0 |
| 443 | 393 | Joseph (L) | 393 | | 5.6 | 11.4 |
| 693 | 424 | Kleinwort Ben | 624 | +26 | 3.9 | 11.0 |
| 660 | 519 | Lloyds | 545 | +6 | 6.3 | 10.7 |
| 620¾ | 472 | Nat Aust Bk | 496 | -5 | 7.1 | |
| 622 | 421 | Nat West | 493 | +8 | 4.9 | 9.8 |
| 3300 | 2100 | Ottoman Bank | 2150 | | 6.8 | |
| 79 | 53 | Rea Bros | 66 | | 1.8 | 18.5 |
| 526 | 373½ | Ryl Bk Scot | 390 | +2 | 4.4 | 11.2 |
| 1574 | 1050 | Schroders | 1473 | +15 | 1.6 | 13.5 |
| 1458 | 1043 | Schroders N/V | 1323 | +15 | 1.7 | 12.1 |
| 114 | 75 | Singer & Fried | 85 | | 4.6 | 10.9 |
| 358¼ | 223 | Stand Chart | 256 | +4 | 3.1 | 8.8 |
| 291 | 197 | TSB | 243 | +5 | 4.7 | |
| 1012 | 569 | Warburg SG | 757 | +16 | 3.6 | 13.9 |
| €105 | 8612½ | Wells Fargo | 9393¾ | +87½ | 3.1 | |
| 360 | 194 | Westpac | 220 | +5½ | 2.5 | |
| 390 | 303 | Wintrust | 233 | -2 | 5.8 | 15.3 |

## BREWERIES

| 1994/95 High | Low | Company | Price (p) | +/- | Yld % | P/E |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1025 | 150 | Ascot Hldgs | 154 | | | |
| 619 | 485 | Bass | 525½ | +9½ | 5.0 | 13.0 |
| 299 | 246 | Boddington | 247 | +1 | 4.2 | 13.3 |
| 196 | 168 | Burtonwd Brwt | 174 | +1 | 3.7 | 14.5 |
| 181 | 142 | Blndge P 'A' | 158 | | 3.2 | 19.2 |
| 66 | 46½ | Fosters Brewing | 53 | -1 | 5.4 | |
| 493 | 342 | Fuller Sm 'A' | 353 | | 2.8 | 14.6 |
| 511 | 399 | Greenalls Grp | 426 | +1 | 3.8 | 21.1 |
| 584 | 462 | Greene King | 520 | | 3.2 | 14.1 |
| 267 | 239 | Hardy Hanson | 258 | | 4.6 | |
| 170 | 135 | Hamtree | 150 | | 3.8 | |
| 3373 | 3125 | Holt J | 3363 | | 1.8 | 18.5 |
| 247 | 195 | Mansfield | 237 | | 2.4 | 15.1 |
| 314 | 256 | Marston Thmp | 302 | +4 | 2.5 | 14.7 |
| 545 | 440 | Morland | 480 | | 2.9 | 13.8 |
| 10¾ | 6½ | Paramount | 7 | | 3.6 | 16.5 |
| 329 | 209 | Regent Inns | 327 | | 2.1 | 25.1 |
| 1685½ | 1000 | SA Breweries | 1381¼ | +56¼ | 2.1 | 21.6 |
| 591 | 477 | Scot & Newt | 507 | -2 | 4.3 | 14.5 |
| 306 | 215 | Vaux Group | 220 | +1 | 5.6 | 12.4 |
| 491 | 324½ | Wetherspoon JD | 467 | | 1.8 | 25.7 |
| 617 | 494 | Whitbread | 564 | +1 | 4.2 | 15.4 |
| 589 | 493 | Wolvrhmptn D | 501 | +1 | 3.5 | 13.2 |
| 208 | 148 | Yates Bros | 196 | | 2.4 | 15.4 |
| 535 | 458 | Young 'A' | 458 | | 4.1 | 19.4 |

## BUILDING & CONSTRUCT

| 1994/95 High | Low | Company | Price (p) | +/- | Yld % | P/E |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 206 | 130 | Abbey | 130 | | 5.0 | 9.5 |
| 300 | 143 | Allen | 143 | | 4.9 | 13.4 |
| 164 | 61 | Amec | 64½ | +½ | 5.8 | 37.2 |
| 165 | 47 | Andrews Sykes | 152 | -1 | | |
| 462 | 333 | Ashtead | 420 | | 1.6 | 26.6 |
| 191 | 98 | Avonside | 99 | | 5.6 | 11.6 |
| 41 | 26 | Bailey (Ben) Con | 35 | | 2.5 | 21.4 |
| 88 | 18½ | Barcom | 45 | | | |
| 292 | 139 | Barratt Devs | 166 | +3 | 4.5 | 12.9 |
| 169 | 122 | Beazer Homes | 131 | | 5.2 | 10.3 |
| 304 | 179 | Bellway | 199 | | 4.6 | 11.2 |
| 59 | 31 | Bellwinch | 36 | +3 | | 31.7 |
| 573 | 336 | Berkeley Grp | 335 | -2 | 2.7 | 10.7 |
| 215 | 118 | Birt Bros | 178 | | 3.2 | 5.5 |
| 356 | 210 | Bovis (Henry) | 225 | | 3.7 | 11.1 |
| 101 | 35 | Brandon Hire | 98 | | 1.9 | |
| 235 | 143 | Br Bldg & Eng | 143 | -7 | 7.0 | 8.9 |
| 197½ | 115 | Bryant | 115 | -1 | 5.4 | 12.9 |
| 145¼ | 68 | CALA | 99 | | 3.5 | 13.7 |
| 54 | 31 | Campbell & Arm | 32 | +1 | | |
| 62 | 44 | Clarke T | 52 | | 3.0 | 44.1 |
| 42 | 17½ | Costain | 22½ | +2½ | | |
| 185 | 103 | Countryside | 104 | | 5.2 | 12.8 |
| 130 | 73 | Crest Nicholson | 78 | +1 | 2.6 | 14.5 |
| 140 | 93 | Cussins | 94 | | 4.5 | 11.4 |
| 30 | 17 | Edmond Hldgs | 18 | | 2.1 | |
| 473 | 243 | Eve Group | 243 | | 6.7 | 9.8 |
| 60 | 24 | Galliford | 28 | | 4.5 | |
| 112 | 67 | Gibbs & Dandy | 68 | | 3.8 | |
| 1028 | 823 | Gleeson (MJ) | 863 | | 2.1 | 14.8 |
| 86 | 71 | Green (Ernie) | 84 | | 8.9 | 25.9 |
| 197 | 121 | Havelock Euro | 197 | | 1.9 | 18.0 |
| 169 | 138 | Hewden-Stuart | 146 | | 2.5 | 16.8 |
| 144 | 85 | Higgs & Hill | 85 | | 3.7 | |
| 32 | 19 | Howard Hldgs | 19 | | 5.3 | 17.7 |
| 25 | 6 | Jarvis | 9½ | -½ | | |
| 138 | 104 | Keller | 106 | | 4.0 | 12.3 |
| 428 | 203 | Laing (J) | 208 | -3 | 5.5 | 18.4 |
| 164 | 90½ | Laing 6.4% Cv Pf | 92 | | 8.7 | |
| 145 | 115 | Lon Clydeside | 116 | | 5.7 | |
| 173 | 48 | Lovell (YJ) | 52 | | 2.5 | 6.2 |
| 353 | 196 | Maunders (J) | 307 | | 3.3 | 12.4 |
| 321 | 154 | McAlpine (A) | 165 | | 4.9 | 24.2 |
| 76¼ | 50¼ | McCarthy & S | 54 | | | |
| 84 | 58 | Morgan Sindall | 58 | -1 | 0.2 | |
| 185¼ | 94 | Mowlem (J) | 98 | | 2.6 | |
| 379½ | 172 | Persimmon | 172 | -1 | 6.7 | 12.9 |
| 2400 | 1450 | Poclain | 2318¾ | -81¼ | 1.7 | 23.2 |
| 198 | 116 | Prowting | 116 | -1 | 3.9 | 17.7 |
| 116 | 44½ | Rame Ind | 50½ | | 7.4 | 10.5 |
| 61 | 45 | Secure Retire | 46 | | | 14.9 |
| 132 | 93 | Redrow | 97 | | 3.5 | 9.6 |
| 67 | 50 | Sarfld-Rea | 58 | | 1.6 | 27.3 |
| 398 | 233 | Sherif Hldgs | 390 | | 1.8 | 16.3 |
| 114 | 62¼ | Shorco | 112 | -1 | 4.1 | 15.7 |
| 245 | 195 | Smart (J) | 205 | | 5.2 | 21.5 |
| 280 | 155½ | Spandex | 258 | -2 | 1.2 | 20.8 |
| 267 | 151 | Tay Homes | 173 | | 4.7 | 12.7 |
| 183 | 114½ | Taylor Woodrw | 129 | +1 | 1.7 | 31.5 |
| 780 | 535 | Tilbury Dougls | 535 | | 7.7 | 41.0 |
| 63 | 36 | Tops Hire | 60 | -3 | 2.9 | 21.0 |
| 40½ | 19 | Try Group | 19 | | 3.3 | |
| 129 | 90 | Vibroplant | 106 | +1 | 4.4 | 19.0 |
| 170 | 111 | Wardbones | 112 | | 5.5 | 12.1 |
| 74 | 48 | Ward Hldgs | 53 | | 1.2 | |
| 225½ | 127 | Westbury | 128 | | 5.3 | 11.6 |
| 7½ | 3½ | Wiggins | 4½ | | | |
| 259 | 148 | Wilson (C) | 149 | | 3.5 | 12.4 |
| 571 | 311 | Wilson Bowdn | 312 | -1 | 3.8 | 13.9 |
| 249 | 113 | Wimpey G | 123 | +1 | 5.3 | 18.4 |

## BUILDING MATERIALS

| 1994/95 High | Low | Company | Price (p) | +/- | Yld % | P/E |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 27 | 12 | Allbright | 14 | ... | 4.5 | 23.8 |
| 341 | 283 | Alumasc | 340 | | 2.2 | |
| 66½ | 43½ | Amberley Grp | 51 | | 3.1 | 26.2 |
| 363 | 274 | BPB Ind | 307 | -3 | 3.4 | 15.7 |
| 142 | 93 | Baggeridge Brk | 123 | | 3.2 | 12.7 |
| 60 | 33 | Barton | 33 | | 7.6 | |
| 93 | 58 | Blockleys | 70 | | 1.6 | |
| 391 | 262 | Blue Circle | 267½ | +2½ | 5.3 | 19.0 |
| 117 | 72 | Breedon PLC | 77 | +1 | 7.5 | 22.0 |
| 154 | 128 | Br Dredging | 135 | | 5.2 | 16.2 |
| 409 | 321 | CRH | 350 | | 2.7 | 17.8 |
| 70 | 31 | Cakebread Rby | 41 | | | 4.4 |
| 278 | 198 | Cape | 210 | | 6.5 | 13.3 |
| 455 | 224 | Caradon | 235 | +8 | 4.7 | 15.6 |
| 215½ | 114 | Caradon pf | 118½ | +4½ | 7.6 | |
| 62 | 46 | Chieftain Gp | 54 | | 8.1 | 10.8 |
| 134 | 89 | Dyson (J&J) | 108 | | 4.1 | 16.0 |
| 97 | 65 | Dyson 'A' | 86 | | 6.8 | 9.7 |
| 13¼ | 4½ | Eclipse Blinds | 12 | | | |
| 350 | 273 | Epwin | 279 | | 3.5 | 16.6 |
| 82 | 57 | Erith | 62 | | 2.8 | 34.9 |
| 218 | 160 | Graham Grp | 176 | +1 | 3.3 | 16.8 |
| 399 | 326 | Halstead (J) | 326 | -3 | 2.9 | 15.0 |
| 611 | 282 | Hepworth | 285 | +3 | 6.5 | 16.2 |
| 88 | 46 | Hewetson | 83 | | 2.3 | 14.3 |
| 152½ | 63½ | Heywd Hll▲ | 90 | | 2.4 | |
| 473 | 247 | Heywd Wmn | 248 | -1 | 6.8 | 14.0 |
| 100 | 67 | Ibstock | 79 | +2 | 1.6 | |
| 294 | 149 | Johnston | 269 | | 2.1 | 33.3 |
| 170 | 95 | Lilleshall | 95 | | 6.2 | 10.0 |
| 213½ | 124 | Marley | 128 | +1 | 4.1 | 15.2 |
| 155 | 126 | Marshalls | 126 | -2 | 4.5 | 11.2 |
| 569 | 325 | Meyer Intl | 330 | +5 | 4.1 | 12.9 |
| 196 | 146 | Newman Tnks | 166 | +1 | 4.8 | 21.0 |
| 212½ | 88 | Norcros | 88 | -1 | 9.9 | 16.7 |
| 30 | 9 | Phoenix Timber | 13 | | | |
| 208 | 143 | Pilkington | 145 | +2 | 3.4 | 27.9 |
| 185 | 125 | Polypipe | 125 | | 2.3 | 14.4 |
| 1079 | 805 | RMC Gp | 932 | +11 | 2.9 | 19.3 |
| 40 | 13 | Ramus | 13 | | | |
| 640 | 415 | Redland | 428 | +6 | 7.3 | 19.8 |
| 109 | 70 | Rosteel | 109 | | 4.9 | |
| 185½ | 102½ | Rugby Group | 109 | | 4.0 | 13.7 |
| 103 | 62 | Russell (A) | 89 | | 3.2 | 18.3 |
| 388 | 222 | SIG | 225 | | 3.1 | 18.1 |
| 21 | 16 | SWP | 18½ | | 1.4 | 25.7 |
| 200 | 155 | Sharpe & Fisher | 176 | | 3.1 | 12.9 |
| 81½ | 36 | Spring Ram | 38½ | | 1.8 | |
| 206 | 107 | Tarmac | 114 | +½ | 6.0 | |
| 220 | 157 | Tarmt | 157 | | 3.6 | 12.6 |
| 370 | 274 | Travis Perkns | 290 | +10 | 3.6 | 17.9 |
| 28 | 21 | Tudor | 25 | | 1.2 | |
| 54 | 33 | Unigroup | 36 | | | |
| 63 | 33 | Waterhouse | 43 | | | |
| 129 | 83 | Wickes | 86 | +1 | 1.9 | 19.3 |
| 975 | 705 | Wolseley | 758 | +10 | 2.8 | 14.9 |

## BUSINESS SERVICES

| 1994/95 High | Low | Company | Price (p) | +/- | Yld % | P/E |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 3¼ | 1¼ | Anglo Utd | 1½ | | | |
| 110 | 68 | App Holo | 68 | | | |
| 165 | 107 | Allwoods | 118 | | 5.3 | |
| 11 | 6½ | Bailey (CH) | 8½ | | | |
| 149 | 30 | Black Arrow | 42 | | 9.2 | 8.7 |
| 124 | 70 | Br Bloodstock | 82 | | | 73.6 |
| 13 | 5¼ | Card Gp | 5¾ | | | 16.0 |
| 10½ | 4½ | Chemex | 5½ | | 2.4 | |
| 157 | 109 | Cosalt | 148 | | 6.8 | 10.0 |
| 237 | 188 | Filofax | 217 | | 1.2 | 18.6 |
| 50 | 28 | Headway | 42 | | 2.1 | 32.7 |
| 292 | 234 | Hosetech | 264 | | 3.5 | |
| 248 | 156 | Lugh | 187 | | 5.9 | 15.4 |
| 274 | 214 | Nobo Grp | 231 | | 3.4 | 15.9 |
| 310 | 207 | Photo-Me | 210 | | 2.9 | 20.4 |
| 60 | 38 | Plant & Gen | 56 | | 3.9 | |
| 12½ | 2½ | Porth Group | 4½ | | | |
| 51½ | 5½ | Rodime | | | | |
| 130 | 75 | Shanks & McEwan | 82 | -2 | 3.2 | |
| 244 | 174 | Sinclair (Wm) | 175 | | 5.1 | 13.5 |
| 700 | 350 | Wace Mgt Intl | 402 | +7 | | 15.2 |

## CHEMICALS

| 1994/95 High | Low | Company | Price (p) | +/- | Yld % | P/E |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 156½ | 115 | Allied Colloids | 119 | | 2.5 | 16.8 |
| 790 | 705 | Amber Ind | 780 | | 3.4 | 15.5 |
| £140¼ | £108¾ | BASF DM | £132¼ | +66¼ | 3.6 | |
| 767 | 627 | BOC | 711 | +7 | 4.4 | 26.3 |
| 281 | 278 | BTP | 281 | -2 | 4.6 | 15.9 |
| £160¼ | £129¾ | Bayer DM50 | £147¾ | -121¼ | 3.1 | |
| 131 | 98 | Brent Chems | 107 | | 4.7 | |
| 309 | 215 | Br Vita | 215 | | 4.4 | 16.0 |
| 46 | 18 | Cambridge Iso | 31 | | | |
| 199 | 163 | Canning (W) | 187 | | 4.9 | 31.6 |
| 580 | 401 | Courtaulds | 410 | +7 | 4.6 | 28.0 |
| 389 | 327 | Croda | 358 | -1 | 3.0 | 15.4 |
| 143 | 95 | Doeflex | 128 | -2 | 4.5 | 12.9 |
| 68½ | 35½ | Euro Colour | 66 | | 2.6 | 19.1 |
| 149 | 110 | Gibbon | 118 | | 5.8 | 10.9 |
| 223 | 108 | Hickson | 125 | +3 | 8.0 | 11.2 |
| £153¼ | £108¾ | Hoechst | £135¼ | -37¼ | 2.8 | |
| 250 | 153½ | Holliday Chem | 208 | -1 | 2.6 | 17.0 |
| 868 | 727 | ICI | 741 | -3 | 4.6 | 59.9 |
| 191½ | 97¼ | Kalon | 103½ | | 5.3 | 9.8 |
| 843 | 640 | Laporte | 657 | | 4.0 | 16.6 |
| 95 | 48 | MTM | 83 | -1 | 0.8 | |
| 415 | 290 | Manders | 304 | | 4.1 | 14.8 |
| 127 | 100 | McLeod Russel | 114 | -1 | 6.8 | 12.4 |
| 138 | 56½ | Metrolect | 61 | | 7.1 | 8.2 |
| 679½ | 358½ | Montedison | 448 | -¼ | 4.4 | 20.7 |
| 349 | 285 | Porvair | 300 | | 1.8 | 22.6 |
| 272 | 186 | Scapa | 192½ | | 3.9 | 15.6 |
| 66 | 28 | Sutcliffe Speak | 28 | | 3.1 | 16.5 |
| 852½ | 656 | Takeda Chem | 772½ | -7½ | 0.8 | 14.5 |
| 490 | 325 | Wardle Storeys | 325 | | 6.6 | 18.1 |
| 220 | 187 | Wellington Hdg | 187 | -1 | 3.5 | 16.1 |
| 823 | 570 | Wolstenholme R | 779 | | 3.1 | 16.2 |
| 483 | 345 | Yorks Chem | 365 | | 2.8 | 15.8 |
| 336 | 258 | Yule Catto | 263 | | 3.1 | 20.0 |

## DISTRIBUTORS

| 1994/95 High | Low | Company | Price (p) | +/- | Yld % | P/E |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 127 | 98 | AB Leis | 99 | ... | 5.1 | 11.4 |
| 317 | 248 | Acatt | 309 | ... | 2.8 | 16.7 |
| 595 | 253 | Adam & Harvey | 595 | | 3.3 | 7.5 |
| 31 | 21 | Alexanders | 21 | | 3.0 | 19.5 |
| 175 | 109 | Appleyard | 107 | ... | 6.8 | 18.9 |
| 6 | 3½ | Ass Br Eng | 4¾ | | 1.3 | 33.9 |
| 578½ | 495 | BSS Group | 519 | -2 | 4.4 | 18.3 |
| 25½ | 17 | Bearing Power | 23 | | 5.4 | 11.8 |
| 405 | 249 | Bletchley Mtr | 253 | | 5.2 | 10.4 |
| 40 | 28 | Bogod 'A' | 28 | | 3.1 | 11.8 |
| 370 | 298 | Brammer | 347 | ... | 4.7 | 19.3 |
| 31 | 15 | Bridgend Gp | 15 | | 1.7 | 78.0 |
| 99 | 78 | Brit Fittings | 95 | | 3.0 | |
| 71 | 40 | Brown & Tawse | 45 | | | |
| 57 | 35 | Bunzlcord | 37 | | 6.5 | |
| 465 | 245 | Caffyns | 283 | | 5.5 | 43.2 |
| 59 | 20¼ | Cocket Pict | 21 | | 6.5 | 11.8 |
| 130 | 78 | Central Mtr | 78 | | 4.7 | |
| 51 | 32½ | Cook (DC) | 40 | | 3.6 | 12.3 |
| 342½ | 197½ | Cowie | 228 | ... | 5.0 | 11.3 |
| 192¾ | 127 | Dag Motors | 138 | | 6.9 | 15.9 |
| 628 | 446 | Dennons 'B' | 588 | | 1.4 | 14.5 |
| 668 | 414½ | Diploma | 442 | | 3.8 | 15.5 |
| 589 | 443 | Electrocomp | 479 | +3 | 2.7 | 19.6 |
| 175 | 133 | Electron House | 163 | | 2.7 | 13.7 |
| 283 | 225 | Ellis & Everard | 253 | | 3.9 | 16.8 |
| 234 | 201 | Eurodollar | 301 | | 5.3 | 15.7 |
| 173 | 106 | European Mtr | 108 | | 5.2 | 11.7 |
| 539½ | 381 | Evans Halshaw | 381 | | 4.7 | 12.0 |
| 656 | 490½ | Farnell Elect | 548 | +11½ | 1.8 | 22.5 |
| 78 | 50 | Fife Indmar | 55 | | 6.2 | 8.1 |
| 34 | 15 | Gardiner | 18 | | 5.7 | |
| 46 | 19 | Glenchewton | 21½ | | | 23.7 |
| 99 | 60 | Gowrings | 71 | | 3.5 | 21.5 |
| 76 | 59 | Hallin Hldgs | 70 | | | 54.6 |
| 172 | 122 | Harris (Philip) | 171 | | 5.0 | 15.0 |
| 342½ | 260 | Healys | 261 | | 3.6 | 14.0 |
| 191 | 88 | Holders Tech | 97 | | 7.7 | 10.5 |
| 138 | 107 | ISA Intl | 107 | | 2.0 | 13.4 |
| 609 | 311 | Inchcape | 312 | | 6.0 | 10.4 |
| 56 | 35 | Jacks (Wm) | 58 | | | 13.4 |
| 184 | 145 | Kwik-Fit | 155 | +1 | 3.2 | 17.8 |
| 573 | 291 | Lex Service | 236 | | 5.7 | 11.3 |
| 382 | 162 | Lookers | 184 | | 5.2 | |
| 20 | 14 | Malaya Grp | 14½ | | 2.2 | |
| 9 | 3½ | Middlesex | 7 | | | |
| 440 | 279 | Norfolk | 403 | | 0.7 | 18.0 |
| 100 | 47 | Northamber | 91 | | 1.8 | 38.6 |
| 175 | 152 | PCT | 152 | | 6.1 | 14.7 |
| 310 | 232 | Pendragon | 235 | | 4.0 | 15.4 |
| 238 | 133 | Perry Gp | 133 | | 6.6 | 7.3 |
| 218 | 126 | Quicks Group | 126 | | 5.2 | 13.3 |
| 166 | 97 | REA | 165 | | 4.5 | 34.1 |
| 5½ | 2¼ | Reace | 2½ | | | |
| 24 | 4 | Rocs Gp | 5 | | 5.0 | |
| 42 | 32½ | SEP Ind | 40 | | 3.3 | |
| 44 | 31 | TLS Range | 42 | | 3.0 | 16.9 |
| 266 | 215 | Time Products | 227 | | 4.8 | 15.3 |
| 221 | 151 | Vardy (Reg) | 168 | | 3.9 | 12.4 |
| 335 | 240 | Wholesale Ftgs | 243 | | 6.1 | 21.4 |
| 30½ | 13½ | Wills Gp | 17 | | 3.7 | 9.5 |
| 74½ | 39½ | Wilshaw | 69½ | | 1.2 | 23.4 |
| 69 | 40 | Wyko | 65 | | 1.9 | 22.1 |
| 96 | 61 | Young (H) | 78 | | 5.8 | 14.6 |

## DIVERSIFIED INDUSTRIALS

| 1994/95 High | Low | Company | Price (p) | +/- | Yld % | P/E |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 302 | 146 | Adwest | 152 | -1 | 6.2 | 15.5 |
| 380 | 199½ | Antofagasta | 313 | +5 | 1.4 | 25.3 |
| 62 | 47 | Armour | 47 | | 4.8 | 9.8 |
| 997 | 773½ | Broken Hill | 877 | -32 | 2.4 | 18.3 |
| 401 | 273 | BTR | 304 | +4 | 5.1 | 16.0 |
| 570 | 372 | BAT | 444 | -4 | 5.8 | 11.6 |
| 270½ | 120¼ | Berisford Intl▼ | 238 | -1 | 0.3 | 63.0 |
| 91 | 49 | Bibby (J) | 81 | | 4.6 | 15.0 |
| 57½ | 44 | Brierley Inv | 46½ | | 9.3 | |
| 838 | 636½ | Charter | 768 | -2 | 3.7 | 22.5 |
| 285 | 215 | Cookson | 216 | | 3.8 | 19.5 |
| 302 | 217½ | Hanson | 231¼ | +2 | 6.5 | 16.0 |
| 220 | 136 | Harrisn Crsfld | 137 | -3 | 8.2 | 15.6 |
| 365¼ | 200½ | Hutch Whamp | 227 | +4½ | 2.5 | 16.3 |
| 710 | 409½ | Jardine Math | 449 | +6 | 3.2 | 10.3 |
| 36 | 27½ | Jourdan (T) | 29 | | 4.3 | 28.8 |
| 175½ | 124½ | Lonrho | 149½ | -2½ | 3.8 | 26.2 |
| 44 | 16 | Porter Chadbn | 40½ | | | |
| 685½ | 483 | Powell Duffryn▼ | 485 | -18 | 6.4 | 13.6 |
| 164 | 118½ | Raynes | 132 | | 7.4 | 14.4 |
| 489 | 337 | Rothmans | 449 | -2 | 5.3 | 21.8 |
| 34½ | 9½ | Sallire | 11½ | | | 4.4 |
| 163½ | 105 | Sime Darby | 125 | ... | 3.5 | 15.9 |
| 267 | 184 | Slaveley | 166 | | 6.4 | 51.1 |
| 220 | 156 | Suter | 159 | | 7.3 | 15.3 |
| 268 | 220 | TT Group | 236 | | 2.3 | |
| 283 | 202 | Tomkins | 223 | +7 | 4.2 | 14.7 |
| 124 | 65 | Trafalgar Ht | 65 | -1 | 1.9 | |
| 440 | 245 | Unitare | 285 | | 6.3 | |
| 324 | 246½ | Wassall | 271 | +4 | 1.7 | 23.3 |
| 13½ | 9½ | Widney | 10½ | | 2.5 | 15.6 |
| 414½ | 309 | Williams Hldg | 329 | +3 | 5.0 | 20.3 |

## ELECTRICITY

| 1994/95 High | Low | Company | Price (p) | +/- | Yld % | P/E |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 894½ | 610½ | East Midlands | 750 | -23 | 4.6 | 31.5 |
| 866 | 566 | Eastern Grp | 705 | -5 | 4.8 | 15.4 |
| 776 | 634 | London Elect | 685 | -4 | 4.5 | 10.5 |
| 886 | 635 | Manweb | 765 | -24 | 4.4 | 9.1 |
| 845½ | 547 | Midlands Elect | 736 | -22 | 4.2 | 11.3 |
| 520 | 404½ | National Power | 473 | -2 | 5.3 | |
| 1065 | 588 | Northern Elect | 944 | -26 | 3.6 | 11.3 |
| 421 | 329 | Nthn Ireland | 350 | -3 | 4.3 | 9.4 |
| 867 | 587 | Norweb | 805 | -7½ | 3.8 | 9.7 |
| 602 | 449 | PowerGen | 518 | -5 | 3.3 | 11.2 |
| 477 | 307 | Hydro-Elect | 315 | +1 | 5.2 | 9.8 |
| 486 | 324 | Scottish Power | 327 | -1 | 4.9 | 10.3 |
| 490 | 289 | Seeboard | 413 | -17 | 3.8 | 11.3 |
| 912 | 591 | Sth Wales | 775 | -15 | 4.7 | 10.5 |
| 889 | 551 | Sth Western | 778 | -12 | 4.0 | 10.3 |
| 837 | 540 | Southern Elect | 736 | -3 | 4.1 | 10.7 |
| 903½ | 604½ | Yorkshire Elect | 769 | -17 | 4.5 | 13.2 |

## ELECTRONIC & ELECT

| 1994/95 High | Low | Company | Price (p) | +/- | Yld % | P/E |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 109 | 63 | Acorn Comp | 80 | | 1.3 | 19.5 |
| 650 | 478 | Admiral | 635 | | 3.3 | 15.1 |
| 200 | 163 | Alba | 195 | | 2.4 | |
| 250 | 126¼ | Amstrad | 132½ | +½ | 2.4 | |
| 39 | 24 | Arlen | 38 | | | |
| 94½ | 77½ | Astec | 77½ | -½ | 1.5 | 15.9 |
| 281 | 118 | Azlan | 132½ | | 2.8 | 10.7 |
| 478 | 287 | BICC | 305 | | 7.9 | 19.2 |
| 283 | 239 | Bowes Huslert | 243 | | 5.1 | |
| 16 | 7 | Berkeley Bus | 10 | | | |
| 535 | 402 | Blick | 460 | +3 | 3.2 | 15.2 |
| 380 | 280 | Bowthorpe | 295 | +3 | 3.0 | 17.0 |
| 21½ | 14½ | Bulgin (AF) 'A' | 18½ | +½ | 1.7 | 18.6 |
| 283 | 194 | CML Micro | 194 | | 3.9 | 12.4 |
| 67 | 32 | Chanel Hldg | 32 | | 4.3 | 9.1 |
| 35¼ | 20 | Chloride | 21½ | | 0.6 | 60.9 |
| 80 | 60 | Clayhithe | 65 | | 5.1 | |
| 180 | 81 | Coppomore | 140 | | 3.8 | |
| 202 | 145 | Cray Elect | 152 | +2 | 2.1 | 17.7 |
| 474 | 412 | Critchley | 467 | | 2.3 | 19.7 |
| 403 | 269 | Dania Bs Sys | 373 | -6 | 0.6 | 27.3 |
| 586 | 430 | Delta | 450 | | 4.1 | 18.3 |
| 565 | 400 | Domino | 528 | -2 | 2.3 | |
| 78 | 63 | Dowding Mills | 68½ | -½ | 4.7 | 25.0 |
| 1636 | 1230 | Druck | 1495 | | 0.9 | 25.4 |
| 2600 | 2300 | Electrolux 'B' | 3196¼ | +6¼ | 3.3 | |
| 38½ | 21 | Emess | 35 | | 0.5 | |
| 4040¾ | 2737½ | Ericsson 'B' | 3458¾ | +65¾ | 1.1 | 30.2 |
| 86 | 56 | Eurocopy | 67 | ... | 1.3 | |
| 451 | 343 | Eurotherm | 377 | | 1.8 | 19.4 |
| 410 | 334½ | Farny Group | 381 | +2 | 2.1 | 20.2 |
| 383 | 180 | Forward Gp | 229 | +9 | 3.0 | 14.1 |
| 58 | 14½ | Forward Tech | 40 | -2 | 2.3 | 8.3 |
| 353½ | 259 | GEC | 275 | +2 | 5.0 | 13.6 |
| 191 | 102 | Gestetner | 106 | +2 | 2.8 | |
| 191 | 119 | Graseby | 137 | | 5.5 | 13.8 |
| 193 | 121 | Ind Control | 140 | +3 | 4.5 | 11.8 |
| 285 | 277 | Kenwood Appl | 277 | -2 | 4.2 | 13.7 |
| 1325 | 730 | Kershaw (A) | 1325 | +20 | 3.2 | |
| 165 | 38 | Kode | 54 | +2 | 1.3 | |
| 55 | 38 | LPA Ind | 38 | | 5.3 | 27.0 |
| 320 | 250 | MTL Inst | 299 | | 1.8 | 18.0 |
| 287 | 210 | Memtec-Sw | 271 | | 2.1 | 18.9 |
| 45 | 31 | Microvitec | 35½ | | | 17.8 |
| 494 | 185 | Mitel | 280 | +2 | | |
| 91 | 60 | Pacer Systems | 67 | | 6.6 | 24.2 |
| 98 | 74½ | Peek | 77 | | 5.5 | 19.4 |
| 2175 | 1400 | Philips Lmp av | 2000 | +6¼ | 0.9 | 9.0 |
| 359 | 293 | Pifco | 317 | -7 | 1.9 | 20.1 |
| 344 | 283 | Pifco 'A' Vtg | 298 | -6 | 1.9 | 19.0 |
| 140 | 70 | Plasmec | 118 | | 4.0 | |
| 129 | 90 | Pressac | 103 | | 3.4 | 19.8 |
| 43½ | 17½ | Prestwick | 25 | | | |
| 303 | 181 | Psion | 248 | | 1.5 | 17.4 |
| 261 | 187 | Racal Elect | 221 | | 2.5 | 18.2 |
| 53 | 33 | Radamec | 46 | | 5.2 | 12.6 |
| 311 | 216 | Roxboro | 216 | | 2.6 | 15.8 |
| 89 | 15 | Scantronic | 18½ | +½ | | |
| 49 | 34 | Silverlines | 40 | | 2.5 | 23.8 |
| 94 | 55 | Soundtracks | 55 | -1 | 5.8 | |
| 104 | 38 | Sho Bos | 51 | | 9.1 | |
| 19 | 9 | TDS Circuits | 9½ | | | |
| 3225 | 2265¼ | TDK | 2668¼ | +103¼ | 1.2 | |
| 447 | 174½ | Tadpole Tech | 195 | -1 | | |
| 170 | 77 | Telemetrix | 80 | +2 | 1.5 | 10.5 |
| 101 | 51 | TGI | 89 | | 3.2 | 16.6 |
| 385 | 191 | Telspec | 346 | -2 | 0.9 | 41.8 |
| 246 | 133 | Thorpe FW | 235 | | 1.7 | 17.2 |
| 142 | 117 | TLG | 138 | -1 | 3.2 | 19.8 |
| 43 | 22 | Total Systems | 38 | | | 39.5 |
| 303 | 215 | Tunstall | 237 | +2 | 2.0 | 15.9 |
| 391 | 256 | Unitech | 383 | | 3.3 | 19.1 |
| 15¼ | 8 | Verity▲ | 8½ | +½ | | 22.8 |
| 483 | 382 | Volex | 384 | | 6.0 | 16.1 |
| 200 | 60 | Wakebourne | 70 | +1 | | |
| 167 | 93 | Whitecroft | 167 | +1 | 2.6 | 18.3 |

## ENGINEERING

| 1994/95 High | Low | Company | Price (p) | +/- | Yld % | P/E |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 185 | 119 | AIM | 181 | | 3.1 | |
| 138 | 47½ | APV | 57½ | | 9.6 | |
| 216 | 146½ | ASW | 200 | | 3.8 | |
| 126 | 20½ | Aero Hamble | 32 | | 14.6 | 3.2 |
| 21½ | 14 | Aerospace Eng | 16 | | 6.0 | |
| 73 | 27½ | Alvis | 44 | | 2.8 | |
| 175 | 138 | Ash & Lacy | 138 | | 5.8 | 14.3 |
| 553 | 490 | Atlas Equip | 553 | | 5.0 | 18.4 |
| 125 | 65 | Ayrshire Metal | 120 | | 1.6 | 14.7 |
| 40½ | 26 | Babcock | 28 | -½ | | |
| 176 | 132 | BM | 135 | | 6.2 | 20.7 |
| 88 | 64 | Baynes (Charles) | 78 | +1 | 2.8 | 20.0 |
| 95 | 23 | Beaford | 36 | | | |
| 226 | 110 | Billam (J) | 117 | +2 | 5.7 | 7.3 |
| 329 | 262 | Bodycote | 309 | | 2.2 | 21.1 |
| 76 | 43 | Booth Inds | 76 | | | |
| 20 | 13½ | Brasway | 14 | | 4.2 | 13.2 |
| 171 | 120 | Broton | 158 | | 3.2 | |
| 578½ | 366½ | Br Aerospace | 470 | +4 | 2.4 | 41.3 |
| 172½ | 121½ | Br Steel | 148 | +½ | 3.0 | 17.9 |
| 125 | 66½ | Bromsgrve Indt | 90 | | 6.3 | 15.1 |
| 18½ | 9½ | Brooke Tool | 13 | | 1.9 | |
| 51 | 24½ | Brunel | 46½ | | | |
| 186 | 135 | Bullough | 154 | | 5.1 | |
| 80 | 55 | Bundles | 75 | | 3.1 | 32.2 |
| 22 | 14 | Cl Group | 17 | | 2.2 | |
| 283 | 247 | Carclo Engr | 258 | | 5.0 | 15.7 |
| 157 | 110 | Castings | 157 | +2 | 2.2 | 19.3 |
| 230 | 150 | Chamberlin Hill | 150 | | 5.6 | 9.5 |
| 360 | 272 | Chemring | 295 | | 4.2 | 13.8 |
| 296½ | 178 | Clyde Blowers | 179 | | 3.1 | |
| 337 | 225 | Cobham | 303 | -1 | 3.2 | 15.1 |
| 588 | 403 | Cohen (A) | 518 | | 0.8 | |
| 263 | 178 | Concentric | 187 | | 4.1 | 14.7 |
| 310 | 233 | Cook (Wm) | 237 | | 4.0 | 11.1 |
| 296 | 198 | David Brown | 221 | | 3.7 | 15.6 |
| 97 | 68 | Dobson Park▼ | 70 | | 6.7 | |
| 442 | 350 | ES | 350 | -3 | 4.4 | 14.1 |
| 101 | 69 | Elliott (B) | 94 | | 2.7 | 14.1 |
| 118 | 66 | Expamet | 84 | | 3.9 | 59.5 |
| 212 | 142 | FKI | 143 | | 3.7 | 16.5 |
| 148 | 100 | Fenner | 137 | | 1.4 | 63.8 |
| 46 | 18 | Ferrum | 19 | -3 | | |
| 88 | 73 | GEI Intl | 88 | | 3.6 | 16.1 |
| 134 | 91 | Garton Eng | 120 | | 4.8 | |
| 404 | 295 | Glynwed | 300 | +2 | 4.9 | 17.8 |
| 14½ | 10 | Graystone | 13 | | 2.3 | 11.0 |
| 85 | 61 | Hadon MacLn | 68½ | | 3.6 | 17.7 |
| 156 | 90 | Hadleigh | 150 | | 2.1 | 17.0 |
| 320 | 143 | Hall Eng | 149 | | 6.7 | 11.7 |
| 256 | 194 | Halma | 198 | +1½ | 1.6 | 21.3 |
| 73 | 47 | Hampson Indl | 52 | | 4.9 | 9.7 |
| 48 | 26 | Hay (Norman) | 26 | | | |
| 184½ | 122 | Hill & Smith | 128 | | 8.2 | |
| 63 | 39 | Hopkinsons | 59 | | 2.8 | |
| 41 | 27 | Haw Gp | 35 | | 2.7 | |
| 103 | 78 | Howden | 85 | | 3.7 | 13.8 |
| 265 | 157 | Hunting | 170 | | 7.4 | 24.3 |
| 513 | 402 | Huntleigh Tec | 443 | | 1.5 | 28.7 |
| 378 | 286 | IMI | 290 | | 4.4 | 24.6 |
| 51 | 33½ | Johnson & FB | 41 | - | | |
| 628 | 488 | Johnson Matthey | 509 | +2 | 3.0 | 19.9 |
| 32 | 25 | Jones Stroud | 30 | | | |
| 335 | 230 | Kelsey Indt | 317 | | 5.1 | |
| 268 | 205 | Lincat | 268 | | 3.2 | 16.7 |
| 30½ | 11 | Locker (T) A | 11½ | | 4.3 | |
| 49 | 31 | ML Hldgs | 32 | | 4.5 | 11.1 |
| 67 | 23 | MS Intl | 23 | -1 | 8.2 | 13.9 |
| 179 | 129 | Mang Bronze | 150 | | 9.3 | 11.7 |
| 533 | 378 | McKechnie | 394 | +2 | 4.7 | 23.2 |
| 120 | 61 | Meggitt | 61 | | 8.1 | 9.8 |
| 120 | 101 | Metalrax | 109 | | 4.3 | 18.1 |
| 133 | 99 | Metoc | 131 | | 2.9 | 18.2 |
| 589 | 488 | Molins | 491 | | 4.0 | 9.9 |
| 408 | 293 | Morgan Crble | 312 | +3 | 5.1 | 15.1 |
| 217 | 176 | Morris Ashby | 204 | | 3.8 | 14.6 |
| 51 | 34 | Neepsend | 36 | | 4.5 | 17.6 |
| 128 | 49 | Nedbonicst | 70 | | 3.0 | |
| 60 | 40 | Newmark (L) | 40 | | | |
| 59¼ | 38 | OMI Intl▼ | 38 | -4½ | 7.8 | |
| 358 | 277 | Oxford Inst | 330 | | 2.0 | 18.8 |
| 341 | 218 | Powerscreen | 245 | | 3.8 | 10.3 |
| 23½ | 13 | Prospect Indst | 13 | | 8.2 | 6.6 |
| 108 | 60 | Radiant Metal | 73 | | | |
| 71 | 13 | Ransomes | 55 | -3 | | |
| 85 | 70 | Record | 80 | | 5.6 | 18.0 |
| 281 | 243½ | Renishaw | 268 | | 3.0 | 22.6 |
| 192 | 126 | Renold | 189 | -1 | 2.0 | 26.2 |
| 73 | 51 | Richard (Leics) | 58 | | 4.8 | 41.5 |
| 104½ | 76 | Richardson West | 77 | | 5.3 | 16.9 |
| 204 | 152½ | Rolls-Royce | 159 | +1 | 3.9 | 28.0 |
| 195 | 156 | Rotork | 165 | | 3.3 | 16.8 |
| 190 | 134 | Rubicon | 159 | | 3.8 | 25.7 |
| 150½ | 69 | Senior Eng | 69 | -1 | 6.2 | 11.2 |
| 270 | 245 | Servomex | 266 | | 3.1 | 28.4 |
| 630 | 498 | Siebe | 507 | +8 | 2.8 | 18.3 |
| 130½ | 74 | Simon Eng | 78 | +3 | | |
| 82 | 35 | Six Hundred | 81 | | 2.3 | 28.0 |
| 1459½ | 1031¼ | SKF 'B' | 1125 | +12½ | | |
| 527½ | 411 | Smiths Ind | 430 | +1 | 3.8 | 16.5 |
| 465 | 337 | Spirax-Sarco | 432 | | 2.9 | 18.4 |
| 267 | 197 | Sterling Indt | 232 | | 3.8 | 15.0 |
| 456 | 328 | TI | 340 | +5 | 4.2 | 19.8 |
| 121 | 92 | Tinsley (E) | 97 | | 7.2 | 13.2 |
| 105 | 45 | Transfer Tech | 59 | +1 | 7.0 | 8.4 |
| 163 | 125 | Triplex Lloyd | 129 | | 6.8 | |
| 18½ | 12 | Utd Inds | 15 | | 0.6 | |
| 1548 | 980 | VSEL | 1485 | | 3.0 | 13.9 |
| 31½ | 11½ | Vecson | 13½ | | | |
| 204 | 162 | Vickers | 172 | | 2.5 | 18.2 |
| 327 | 230 | Victaulic | 247 | | 4.1 | 13.6 |
| 19 | 9½ | Villers Grp | 9½ | | | |
| 631 | 451 | Vaiten | 527 | -2 | 1.9 | 13.6 |
| 805 | 661 | Vosper Thorny | 739 | +1 | 3.2 | 16.0 |
| 527 | 445 | Wagon Indt | 448 | | 5.1 | 22.8 |
| 354½ | 242 | Weir | 242 | | 3.4 | 14.4 |
| 46½ | 36 | Wellmant | 38 | | 3.3 | 62.0 |
| 548 | 365 | Whatman | 426 | | 3.1 | 15.6 |
| 264 | 90 | Whessoe | 126 | | 2.3 | |

## ENGINEERING, VEHICLES

| 1994/95 High | Low | Company | Price (p) | +/- | Yld % | P/E |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 66 | 31 | AAF Inds | 38 | ... | | |
| 180 | 108 | Airflow Stream | 159 | | 3.1 | 15.6 |
| 639 | 452 | Avon Rubber | 452 | | 4.6 | 16.3 |
| 236 | 173 | BBA | 189 | +3 | 3.0 | |
| 86½ | 54 | BSG | 57 | | 7.0 | 35.6 |
| 18½ | 8½ | Beeson Group | 12 | | 3.4 | 16.5 |
| 306 | 180 | Bostrom | 288 | -5 | 2.6 | 16.4 |
| 28½ | 17 | Boustead | 21 | | 6.0 | |
| 22 | 10½ | Cavendale | 10½ | | 1.7 | 10.9 |
| 380 | 275 | ERF | 350 | | 1.4 | |
| 394 | 296 | First Tech | 394 | | 1.7 | 22.7 |
| 680 | 510½ | GKN | 560 | +6 | 4.7 | 32.2 |
| 4387½ | 2337½ | General Mtr | 2437½ | +93¼ | 2.1 | |
| 1239 | 918½ | Honda Motor | 963 | -35¼ | 0.5 | |
| 432½ | 306 | Laird | 307½ | -½ | 4.4 | 14.9 |
| 350 | 233 | Lookers | 345 | | | |
| 239 | 158 | Lucas | 184 | | 4.8 | |
| 64 | 50 | Mayflower | 58 | +3½ | 3.0 | 24.0 |
| 124 | 61 | Midsales | 65 | | | 9.0 |
| 178 | 140 | Sytone | 158 | | 4.0 | 17.5 |
| 261 | 140 | T & N | 151 | +1 | 9.0 | 13.2 |
| 333 | 263 | Trinity Hldgs | 328 | | 2.5 | 23.7 |

## FOOD MANUFACTURERS

| 1994/95 High | Low | Company | Price (p) | +/- | Yld % | P/E |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 607 | 499 | AB Food | 591 | +2 | 3.4 | 12.3 |
| 368 | 248 | Acatos & Hutch | 266 | | 4.3 | 9.9 |
| 74 | 40 | Albert Fisher | 45 | | 10.3 | 13.3 |
| 270 | 210 | Banks (S C) | 210 | | 5.9 | 7.9 |
| 367 | 305 | Barr (AG) | 378 | | 2.6 | |
| 72 | 30 | Bensons Crsp | 30 | | 9.0 | |
| 481 | 378 | Booker | 398 | +9 | 6.9 | 14.7 |
| 56½ | 44½ | Borthwick | 44½ | | 3.7 | 21.1 |
| 212 | 156 | CPL Aromas | 195 | | 1.9 | 18.6 |
| 545 | 385 | Cadbury-Schw | 425¼ | +4½ | 4.7 | 13.7 |
| 265 | 143 | Carrs Milling | 254 | | 3.1 | 11.5 |
| 167 | 130 | Carsomco | 153 | +1 | 6.8 | 11.1 |
| 154 | 90 | Dalepak | 129 | -2 | 2.0 | |
| 543 | 389 | Dalgety | 402 | -3 | 6.6 | 11.3 |
| 87 | 49 | Daniels S | 49 | | 0.8 | |
| 294 | 210 | Devro | 220 | +6 | 3.6 | 14.8 |
| 101 | 52 | Everest | 94 | | 3.3 | 35.3 |
| 8½ | 4½ | Farringford | 4½ | | | |
| 85 | 60 | Finlay (James) | 66 | -1 | 7.9 | 9.0 |
| 20½ | 13 | Global | 13 | | 4.8 | 11.8 |
| 77 | 38 | Grand Central | 51 | -1 | | |
| 417 | 325 | Greencore | 417 | +4 | 3.1 | |
| 194 | 102 | Hazlewood Fds | 106 | +2 | 7.9 | 6.6 |
| 196½ | 151 | Hillsdown | 175 | +1 | 6.3 | 12.5 |
| 28 | 16 | Hobson | 24½ | -½ | | |
| 111 | 83 | JLI Group | 83 | -1 | 7.3 | 11.7 |
| 408 | 313 | Linton Park | 345 | | 6.3 | 9.9 |
| 127 | 85 | Matthews (B) | 105 | | 3.2 | 12.6 |
| 181 | 160 | Man ED & F | 166 | | 6.5 | 9.1 |
| 246 | 205 | Nichols (JN) | 231 | | 3.2 | 14.8 |
| 271½ | 193 | Nthn Foods | 204 | +1 | 5.4 | 10.5 |
| 14 | 9 | Nifcalm Fn | 11 | | | |
| 46 | 23 | Pascoe's | 23 | | | |
| 81 | 62 | Peddes Food | 65 | +1 | 8.6 | 10.9 |
| 96 | 73 | Seally Farm | 93 | +2 | 3.0 | 9.4 |
| 122 | 71 | Sime Food | 75 | | 12.5 | |
| 467½ | 392 | Tate & Lyle | 424 | +2 | 4.2 | 8.8 |
| 238 | 145 | Trust | 230 | +3 | 2.5 | |
| 434½ | 317 | Unigate | 356 | +6 | 6.2 | 9.7 |
| 1247 | 958 | Unilever | 1179 | +6 | 2.7 | 17.0 |
| 8118½ | 6496½ | Unilever (NV) | 7503¼ | +93¼ | 2.9 | 15.0 |
| 388 | 293½ | Utd Biscuits | 319 | +1 | 8.8 | 26.0 |
| 49 | 33 | West Trust | 36 | | 8.8 | 24.9 |
| 133 | 96 | Yorkshire Food | 96 | | 4.3 | 11.3 |

## HEALTHCARE

| 1994/95 High | Low | Company | Price (p) | +/- | Yld % | P/E |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 544 | 314 | AAH | 316 | +1 | 7.1 | 11.1 |
| 1141 | 828 | Amersham | 838 | -12 | 2.4 | 17.4 |
| 81 | 43 | Anagen | 47 | | | |
| 297½ | 200 | Assoc Nursg | 202 | | 1.4 | 11.8 |
| 393 | 243 | Bespak | 293 | | 4.4 | 15.0 |
| 10 | 5 | Cam UK | 7½ | | | |
| 115 | 80 | Celsis | 72 | | | |
| 47 | 36 | Cortecs | 36 | | | |
| 287 | 230½ | Community H | 224 | | 4.4 | 12.9 |
| 44 | 29 | CrestaCare | 35 | +1 | 2.7 | |
| 146 | 96 | Enviromed | 102 | | 2.0 | 13.0 |
| 110 | 82 | Ferraris Group | 85 | | 3.3 | 11.8 |
| 171 | 134 | Goldsborough | 154 | | 2.2 | |
| 15½ | 9½ | Greencare | 9½ | -¼ | 4.4 | 12.9 |
| 165 | 39 | Intercare Grp | 46 | | 8.5 | |
| 325 | 270 | Isotron | 270 | | 2.2 | 15.9 |
| 171 | 107 | Life Sciences | 135 | +1 | 3.8 | 13.4 |
| 152½ | 74 | Lon Intl | 92 | +2 | | |
| 80 | 42 | Nestor-BNA | 47 | +1 | 8.4 | 11.6 |
| 3 | 1½ | Premier Health | 1½ | | | |
| 330 | 237 | Quality Care | 250 | | 2.2 | |
| 210 | 118 | Scholl | 119 | | 6.7 | 11.4 |
| 363 | 275½ | Seton Health | 335 | -1 | 2.5 | 17.1 |
| 83 | 44 | Shield Diag | 55 | | | |
| 162½ | 136½ | Smith & Nephw | 162 | +1½ | 3.9 | 17.9 |
| 21 | 6 | Specialeyes | 8 | | | |
| 292 | 192 | Takare | 203 | | 1.3 | 17.7 |
| 313 | 246 | UniChem | 251 | | 3.4 | 13.5 |
| 400 | 294 | West Hthcare | 341 | | 1.6 | 19.4 |

## HOUSEHOLD GOODS

| 1994/95 High | Low | Company | Price (p) | +/- | Yld % | P/E |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 312 | 201 | Airsprung | 203 | | 3.0 | 13.1 |
| 193 | 115 | BLP Group | 125 | | 1.0 | 34.3 |
| 39 | 26 | Bilston Barsta | 35 | | | |
| 167 | 91 | Coat Plc A | 92 | | 7.7 | 20.6 |
| 285 | 163 | Creighton Nat | 164 | | 5.9 | 11.5 |
| 165 | 133 | Denby Group | 145 | | 2.7 | |
| 168 | 113 | Gaskell | 133 | | 4.0 | |
| 14 | 4½ | Lookbeat | 4½ | | 5.3 | |
| 231 | 163 | Maybom | 163 | | 4.5 | 10.8 |
| 335 | 250 | Oriflame Intl | 256 | | 5.2 | 11.5 |
| 430 | 230 | Osborne & Little | 386 | | 2.4 | 11.1 |
| 625 | 420 | Paterson Zoch | 421 | | 4.1 | 12.2 |
| 595 | 380 | Paterson Zoch 'A' | 383 | | 4.5 | 11.1 |
| 714½ | 529 | Reckitt Colm | 630 | -5 | 3.6 | 15.9 |
| 291 | 211 | Relyon | 261 | +2 | 2.6 | 47.6 |
| 378 | 192 | Silentnight | 155 | | 5.1 | 12.2 |
| 46 | 27½ | Stoddard | 31½ | | 6.3 | 11.9 |
| 330 | 205 | Tomkinsons | 207 | | 6.9 | |
| 160 | 125 | Victoria Carpet | 125 | | 4.5 | 7.1 |
| 110½ | 94½ | Walker Greenbk▲ | 103 | -1 | 4.4 | 18.9 |
| 63 | 44 | Wolvo Widges | 58 | | | 45.2 |
| 155 | 155 | Wood (Arthur) | 155 | | 2.4 | 31.2 |

## INSURANCE

| 1994/95 High | Low | Company | Price (p) | +/- | Yld % | P/E |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1493¼ | 937½ | Alex & Alex | 1362½ | +12½ | 5.3 | |
| 2043½ | 1587½ | Am Gen | 1862½ | +18¼ | 3.9 | |
| 112 | 64½ | Angerstein | 85 | | 1.8 | 70.1 |
| 86 | 47 | Archer | 59 | | 2.1 | |
| 165 | 95 | Bradstock | 97 | | 7.7 | |
| 550 | 370 | Britannic | 412 | +2 | 3.9 | |
| 117 | 88½ | CLM Insce | 90 | -1 | 2.9 | |
| 701½ | 473 | Com Union | 500 | +7 | 6.3 | 18.9 |
| 108 | 86 | Delian | 92 | -2 | 2.0 | |
| 1950 | 1650 | Dom & Gen | 1655 | | 2.1 | 17.7 |
| 64 | 31 | FAI | 33 | | 1.4 | |
| 221½ | 145 | FBD IC | 166 | +½ | 4.1 | 7.7 |
| 194 | 140 | Fenchurch Grp | 151 | -2 | 6.6 | 10.1 |
| 114 | 39 | Finsbury Under | 92½ | -2 | 1.8 | 59.7 |
| 757 | 491 | Gen Accident | 513 | +12½ | 6.8 | 8.3 |
| 247 | 160½ | GRE | 171 | -1 | 5.7 | 19.1 |
| 105 | 80 | HCG Lloyds | 87 | -1 | 1.9 | 73.3 |
| 457 | 211 | Heath C E | 236 | -1 | 8.5 | |
| 245½ | 177½ | Hiberman Ll | 193½ | -3½ | 5.0 | 7.3 |
| 114 | 88 | Hiscox Select | 105½ | -1½ | 1.8 | |
| 329 | 238½ | Independent | 269 | | | |
| 241 | 178 | Inch Life | 181 | | 6.5 | 16.9 |
| 203 | 118 | JIB Group | 120½ | -1½ | 7.8 | 11.0 |
| 103 | 100 | Fid Capital | 107 | | 5.0 | |
| 547 | 407 | Legal & Gen | 432 | +3 | 6.9 | 17.2 |
| 1569¾ | 985¼ | Liberty Life | 1328¼ | +21¼ | 7.8 | 5.1 |
| 119 | 91 | London Inc Mkt | 98 | | 2.6 | 34.2 |
| 310 | 145 | Lloyd Thomp | 148 | | 6.6 | 9.8 |
| 471 | 313 | Lloyds Abbey | 352 | -7 | 6.6 | 10.6 |
| 233 | 159 | Lombard Ins | 233 | +1 | 4.2 | 22.0 |
| 443 | 282 | London & Man | 303 | | 6.7 | 15.1 |
| 119 | 91 | London Ins Mkt | 99 | | 2.6 | 34.2 |
| 147 | 146 | Lowndes Lmb | 147 | | 6.6 | 9.1 |
| 5893¼ | 4531¼ | Marsh McLn | 5037¼ | +62¼ | 3.6 | |
| 110 | 82 | Medhurst | 82 | -2 | | |
| 189 | 147 | Nelson Hurst | 174 | -1 | 4.0 | 17.4 |
| 106 | 76 | New London Capt | 80½ | -½ | 7.6 | |
| 129½ | 100 | Oriel | 104 | | 6.0 | |
| 99 | 70 | Premium Trust | 70½ | -½ | 3.5 | |
| 124 | 101 | Premium Under | 102 | -2 | | |
| 385 | 271 | Prudential | 295 | +2½ | 5.8 | 12.7 |
| 83 | 22 | PWS | 22 | | 3.4 | |
| 404 | 239 | Refuge | 264 | +4 | 5.5 | 19.4 |
| 350 | 232½ | Royal | 299 | +5 | 4.2 | 5.6 |
| 222 | 135 | Sedgwick | 155 | | 4.8 | 17.5 |
| 155 | 104 | Stem Barnt | 113 | -1 | 0.5 | |
| 87 | 52 | Sturge Hdgst | 55 | | 6.8 | |
| 418 | 281 | Sun Alliance | 298 | +5 | 6.3 | 8.3 |
| 107 | 81 | Syndicate Cap | 83 | -1 | 1.9 | 66.2 |
| 96 | 51 | Trade Indemnity | 67 | | 1.7 | 14.9 |
| 464 | 302 | Transatlantic | 303 | | 5.0 | 27.4 |
| 673 | 432 | Utd Friendly | 505 | +5 | 4.2 | 25.9 |
| 245 | 129 | Willis Corroon | 140 | -2 | 5.9 | 16.5 |
| 28 | 20 | Windsor | 21 | -2 | 3.0 | 7.1 |

## INVESTMENT TRUSTS

| 1994/95 High | Low | Company | Price (p) | +/- | Yld % | P/E |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 353 | 280 | 3i | 346 | +1 | 2.7 | |
| 106½ | 63 | Abtrust Emerg | 68½ | +2½ | 0.4 | |
| 102 | 78 | Abtrust High Inc | 78 | | 9.0 | |
| 230 | 182 | Abtrust N Dawn | 194 | | 0.6 | |
| 2058 | 1678 | Alliance | 1719 | +21 | 3.5 | |
| 293 | 238 | American Trust | 244 | +3 | 2.8 | |
| 479 | 393 | Anglo & O'seas | 400 | +5 | 2.2 | |
| 196 | 131½ | Baillie Gifford SN | 137 | | | |
| 219 | 172 | Bankers | 176½ | +3½ | 2.8 | |
| 75¼ | 37 | Baring Em Eu | 38¼ | +½ | 0.3 | |
| 381 | 307 | Baring Tribne | 309 | +2 | 2.2 | |
| 249 | 198 | Barry Starq | 222 | | 1.2 | |
| 81½ | 85 | Br Assets | 87½ | +½ | 6.2 | |
| 98 | 85 | Br Empire Sec | 86 | +½ | 1.4 | |
| 46 | 25 | Br Empire Wts | 27 | +1 | | |
| 234 | 188 | Br Inv | 195 | | 3.2 | |
| 105¼ | 83½ | Brazilian | 93¼ | +6 | 0.3 | |
| 272 | 216 | Brunner | 217 | +1 | 3.2 | |
| 161 | 117 | BZW Conv | 128½ | +½ | 7.6 | |
| 363 | 310 | Candover | 322 | +2 | 4.3 | |
| 55 | 43 | Central Euro Gwth | 43½ | + | | |
| 271 | 144 | China & Eastern | 146 | +1 | 3.0 | |
| 223 | 180 | Contl Assets | 184 | | 2.1 | |
| 95 | 76 | Dartmoor Inv Incr | 76 | | 13.1 | |
| 328 | 268 | Derby Cap | 300 | +7 | | |
| 173 | 147 | Derby Inc | 156 | +1 | 13.5 | |
| 100 | 58 | Drayton Blue | 58 | | 18.1 | |
| 111 | 84 | Drytn Eng Intl | 89 | +1 | 1.1 | |
| 156 | 122 | Drytn Far East | 129 | | 0.7 | |
| 784 | 613 | Dunedin Inc G | 635 | +2 | 5.2 | |
| 108 | 80 | Dunedin Japan | 86½ | | | |
| 341 | 292 | Dunedin Smir | 300 | | 3.8 | |
| 80 | 39 | Dunedin Wts | 32 | | | |
| 827 | 708 | Dunedin Wrde | 713 | +2 | 1.7 | |
| 122 | 82½ | Edin Dragon | 88 | +1½ | | |
| 53½ | 33½ | Edinburgh Inc | 35½ | +2 | 0.2 | |
| 360 | 281 | Edinburgh | 291 | +2½ | 3.8 | |
| 179 | 136 | EFM Japan | 142 | | | |
| 354 | 286 | Electra Invt | 312 | +3 | 2.9 | |
| 220 | 183 | Electric Genl | 186½ | +½ | 2.2 | |
| 201 | 169 | Eng & Caledon | 181 | | 2.8 | |
| 127 | 106 | English Scot | 108 | | | |
| 345 | 273 | European Assets | 275 | | 2.2 | |
| 174 | 145 | Fidelity Euro Val | 155 | +1 | 0.2 | |
| 103½ | 70 | Fidelity Jap Val | 76 | | | |
| 172 | 136 | Finsbury 'A' | 154 | | 2.4 | |
| 86 | 65½ | First Spanish | 65½ | | 0.5 | |
| 343 | 267 | Fleming Amer | 273 | +3 | 0.8 | |
| 145 | 51½ | Fleming Chinese | 61¼ | +1 | 1.0 | |
| 92 | 22 | Fleming Ch Wts | 28 | | | |
| 267 | 196 | Fleming Claver | 200 | | 3.4 | |
| 385 | 293 | Fleming Cont | 294 | | 0.9 | |
| 210½ | 134 | Fleming Em Mkts | 136 | +2 | | |
| 264 | 190 | Fleming Entp | 202 | +1 | 3.0 | |
| 159 | 278½ | Fleming F East | 286 | +2 | 0.7 | |
| 422 | 346 | Fleming Fledg | 346 | | 1.1 | |
| 126 | 89 | Fleming Hi Inc | 91 | +1 | 6.1 | |
| 109 | 68 | Fleming Indian | 68½ | | 1.8 | |
| 64 | 33 | Fleming Ja Wts | 33 | | | |
| 52½ | 32½ | Fleming Intl | 32½ | | 13.7 | |
| 284 | 220 | Fleming Japan | 239 | +5 | | |
| 347 | 262 | Fleming Merct | 267 | +2 | 3.1 | |
| 94 | 87 | Fleming Nat Res | 87 | -1 | | |
| 347½ | 273 | Fleming O'seas | 276½ | +3½ | 1.9 | |
| 155½ | 124 | Foreign & Col | 129½ | +1 | 1.7 | |
| 106 | 93 | For & Col Inc Gwth | 96 | | 1.8 | |
| 148 | 98 | Frgn Emg Mkt | 102½ | +3½ | | |
| 77 | 64½ | Frgn Enterprise | 68½ | | 1.1 | |
| 261 | 206 | Frgn Eurotst | 210 | | 0.7 | |
| 145 | 114 | Frgn German | 116 | | 0.5 | |
| 374 | 277 | Frgn Pacific | 294 | +2 | 1.1 | |
| 144 | 116 | Frgn PEP | 122 | | 3.6 | |
| 192 | 156 | Frgn Smaller | 156½ | | 1.7 | |
| 120 | 90 | Frgn US Smir | 92½ | +1½ | | |
| 28½ | 21½ | Fulcrum Cap | 22½ | | | |
| 54 | 45 | Fulcrum Inc | 45 | | 24.1 | |
| 144½ | 134½ | Fulcrum Zero | 144½ | | | |
| 213 | 188 | Gartmore Brit | 190 | | 4.8 | |
| 151 | 124 | Gartmore Euro | 130 | | 0.9 | |
| 130 | 85 | Gartmore Smir | 87 | +1 | 14.2 | |
| 247 | 201 | G'more Smir Cos | 212 | | 3.4 | |
| 128 | 94 | Geared Inc Invt | 97 | | 10.7 | |
| 280 | 138 | Genl Cons Cap | 138 | | | |
| 115½ | 104 | Genl Inc | 104 | | 10.5 | |
| 106 | 86 | German Inv | 89 | | 0.1 | |
| 325 | 192 | Gov Asian Sm Co's | 203 | | 0.2 | |
| 151 | 90½ | Gov Emg Mkts | 98 | +3 | 0.3 | |
| 191 | 135 | Govett Am Smir | 136 | +1 | | |
| 96½ | 78 | Gov Glob Smir | 78 | | | |
| 112 | 78 | Govett High Inc | 81 | | 8.6 | |
| 429 | 322 | Govett Oriental | 338 | +2 | 0.4 | |
| 346 | 226 | Govett Strategic | 329 | +3 | 3.7 | |
| 475 | 389 | Greenfriar | 389 | | 2.2 | |
| 19 | 6 | Gresham House | 19 | | | |
| 303 | 208 | GT Japan | 218 | +2 | 0.7 | |
| 155 | 117 | H Govett Smllr Co | 117½ | | 1.1 | |
| 138 | 113 | Hend High | 118 | +3 | 6.0 | |
| 293 | 257 | Hend Strata | 264 | -1 | 0.2 | |
| 105 | 86 | Herald | 88 | | | |
| 116 | 86½ | HTR Jap Smaller | 94 | +1 | 0.6 | |
| 35 | 13 | I&S Ent | 15 | | | |
| 155 | 94 | I&S UK Smir | 98 | +1 | 3.6 | |
| 122 | 124 | Inv Cap | 124 | -½ | 5.3 | |
| 99 | 86 | Inv Biotech | 86 | | | |
| 50 | 30 | Inv Wts | 30 | -1 | | |
| 177 | 126 | INVESCO Korea | 131 | | | |
| 122 | 88½ | J Fry 2nd U | 92 | | 8.7 | |
| 100 | 93 | J Fry Euro U | 93 | | 6.5 | |
| 255 | 187 | JF Fledg Jap | 196 | | | |
| 121 | 101 | Jupiter Intl Grn | 101 | | 4.2 | |
| 243 | 194 | Kleinwt Chrt | 198 | +1 | 3.3 | |
| 149 | 99 | Kleinwt E Mkt | 102 | +3 | | |
| 124 | 105 | Kleinwt Endl | 116 | | | |
| 88½ | 73 | Klnwt Euro Prvt | 75½ | +½ | 1.3 | |
| 49 | 22½ | Klnwt Euro Wts | 24½ | | | |
| 116 | 79 | Klnwt H Inc | 82 | | 11.6 | |
| 272½ | 219 | Klnwt O'seas | 221 | +2 | 1.9 | |
| 165 | 121 | Klnwt Smlr | 121 | | 3.2 | |
| 201 | 95½ | Lazard American | 108½ | +7 | | |
| 826 | 672 | Law Debenture | 725 | +4 | 3.4 | |
| 129 | 93 | Lazard H Inc | 97 | +½ | 8.2 | |
| 97 | 79 | Lloyds Sm Cap | 79 | | | |
| 35 | 28 | Lloyds Sm Div | 29 | | 15.3 | |
| 129 | 107 | Lloyds Sm Ptg | 108 | | 4.1 | |
| 174 | 141 | Lon St Lawrence | 163 | | 4.8 | |
| 108 | 78½ | Lon Smaller Co's | 81 | | 4.9 | |
| 334 | 265 | Lowland | 289 | +½ | 4.0 | |
| 1440¾ | 847½ | Lydenburg | 1250 | | 1.8 | |
| 620 | 498 | M&G 2nd Dual Cap | 520 | +5 | | |
| 151 | 115 | M&G 2nd Dual In | 119 | | 25.2 | |
| 2773 | 2440 | M&G Dual Cap | 2570 | +10 | | |
| 353 | 255 | M&G Dual Inct | 255 | | | |
| 77 | 54 | M&G Inc Growth | 65½ | | 9.4 | |
| 34½ | 26½ | M&G Inc Inv Tst Cap | 29½ | | | |
| 45 | 35½ | M&G Inc Inv Tst Inc | 36½ | +½ | 16.9 | |
| 137 | 117 | M&G Inc Package | 121 | | 5.1 | |
| 59 | 50 | M&G Inc Zero Div | 56 | -½ | | |
| 36½ | 27½ | M&G Rec Cap | 29½ | +½ | | |
| 72½ | 57½ | M&G Rec Geared | 57½ | | 8.4 | |
| 37½ | 28 | M&G Rec Inc | 28½ | +½ | 16.8 | |
| 151 | 128 | M&G Rec Pcge | 129 | | 3.8 | |
| 80½ | 68 | M&G Rec Zero Div | 73½ | | | |
| 128 | 99 | M Currie Euro | 102 | | 0.4 | |
| 180 | 119 | M Currie Pac | 124 | +1 | 0.3 | |
| 225 | 190 | Majedie | 191 | -1 | 3.4 | |
| 57 | 44 | Manaun | 57 | | | |
| 324 | 237 | Merchants | 253 | +2 | 5.5 | |
| 90 | 79½ | Mercury Euro Pv | 80½ | | 0.9 | |
| 45 | 25½ | Mercury Eur Wt | 27½ | -1 | | |
| 125 | 86 | Mercury World | 88 | -1 | | |
| 52½ | 21 | Mercury Wld Wts | 24 | | | |
| 595 | 482 | Monks Inv Tst | 500 | +3 | 1.9 | |
| 158 | 126 | Morg Gren Inc | 134 | +2 | 4.5 | |
| 64 | 39 | Morg Gren Wts | 43 | +1 | | |
| 111 | 60 | Morg Lain Amer | 69 | +4 | | |
| 65 | 33 | Morg Wts | 35½ | +2½ | | |
| 146 | 104 | Murray Enl▼ | 107 | +1 | 2.5 | |
| 92 | 78 | Murray Emg Eco | 81 | -1½ | | |
| 68 | 54 | Murray Euro | 56½ | | 0.6 | |
| 393 | 308 | Murray Income | 314 | +3 | 4.7 | |
| 395 | 296 | Murray Intl | 299½ | +½ | 5.3 | |
| 164½ | 153 | Murray S/C DP | 163 | | | |
| 174 | 126 | Murray S/C Cap | 129 | | | |
| 97 | 78 | Murray S/C Inc | 80 | +½ | 17.1 | |
| 3400 | 2850 | Murray S/C Uts | 3000 | | 4.4 | |
| 548 | 390 | Murray Small | 392 | +2 | 1.4 | |
| 363 | 302½ | Murray Vent | 324 | +1 | 4.4 | |
| 58 | 26 | Murray Eu Wts | 28 | | | |
| 23½ | 15 | Murray Eu Wts | 15 | | | |
| 58 | 15 | Newmarket | 16 | | | |
| 95 | 54 | Nthrog Inct | 54 | | 9.8 | |
| 104 | 61 | Nthrog Cap | 62 | | | |
| 404 | 316 | O'seas Inv Ts | 318 | +2 | 1.3 | |
| 241 | 179 | O'seas Wts | 184 | | | |
| 640½ | 362 | Pacific Assets | 399 | +8 | 0.4 | |
| 542 | 268 | Pacific Wts | 300 | -5 | | |
| 120 | 83 | Perpetual Jap | 86½ | +1 | | |
| 9400 | 7900 | Personal Assets | 8700 | | 2.8 | |
| 153 | 121 | Pittal Inv | 121 | | 1.6 | |
| 96 | 84 | Pover Euro Sm | 85 | | | |
| 93 | 88 | Prolific Inc | 89½ | | | |
| 189 | 164½ | RIT Cap Ptnr | 167 | | 1.1 | |
| 38 | 26½ | River Merc Am Cap | 27 | | | |
| 121 | 100 | River Merc Am Inct | 100 | | 9.8 | |
| 17 | 9 | River Merc Am Wts | 9½ | | | |
| 150 | 114 | River Merc Cap | 119 | | | |
| 147 | 85 | River Merc Eu Inct | 94 | | 10.4 | |
| 49 | 13 | River Merc Eu IncWt | 15 | | | |
| 116 | 82 | River Merc Grd Inc | 82 | | 11.5 | |
| 35 | 23 | River Merc Grd Ptl | 26 | | | |
| 127 | 109 | River Merc Tst Inc | 109 | | 10.6 | |
| 40 | 21 | River Merc Wt | 21½ | | | |
| 170 | 118 | River Merc Sm Co | 122 | | 4.2 | |
| 77 | 24 | River Merc Sm Wt | 24 | | | |
| 449 | 394 | Robeco | 394 | | 3.2 | |
| 463 | 398 | Rolinco | 398 | | 2.0 | |
| 99 | 73½ | Schrod Jap Gwth | 79½ | +1 | | |
| 52 | 26 | Schrod Jap Gwth Wt | 33½ | | | |
| 1112½ | 781½ | Schrod Korea Fd | 774½ | +3 | 0.2 | |
| 650½ | 375½ | Sch Korea Fd Wt | 379½ | +1½ | | |
| 113½ | 103 | Sch Spl Zero Div | 112½ | +½ | | |
| 37 | 27½ | Sch Split Fd Cap | 29 | | | |
| 129 | 108 | Sch Split Fd Inc | 113 | +1 | 8.2 | |
| 99 | 86 | Schrod UK Gwth | 91 | +2½ | 2.1 | |
| 42 | 28 | Schrod UK Gwth Wt | 30 | +1 | | |
| 262½ | 200 | Scott | 202½ | +1½ | 3.2 | |
| 183 | 148 | Scot American | 151 | +½ | 4.0 | |
| 368 | 216 | Scot Asian | 222 | +2 | | |
| 1070 | 580 | Scot Wts | 585 | | | |
| 97½ | 74½ | Scot Eastern | 75½ | | 2.6 | |
| 264½ | 205 | Scot Mige | 208 | | 2.5 | |
| 106½ | 89½ | Scot Nat Tst | 98 | | 10.6 | |
| 133½ | 101 | Scot Value | 101½ | | 2.5 | |
| 1785 | 1475 | Second Alince | 1508 | +11 | 3.5 | |
| 106 | 76 | Secs Tst of Scot | 78½ | | 5.2 | |
| 179 | 134 | Selective Asset | 135 | | 1.5 | |
| 161 | 128 | SHIRESCOT | 128 | | 5.3 | |
| 51½ | 33½ | Sphere Inst | 33½ | | 14.4 | |
| 343 | 290 | St Andrew Inv | 296 | +3 | 3.5 | |
| 412 | 310 | Temple Bar | 337 | +3 | 5.1 | |
| 135 | 90 | Thrgn Asian E | 97 | +1 | 0.6 | |
| 568 | 453 | Thrng Dual Cp | 453 | | | |
| 101 | 69 | Throgmorton | 71½ | | 4.0 | |
| 164½ | 98 | Tplton Emg Mkt | 102 | +4 | 0.9 | |
| 177½ | 133½ | TR City Of Lon | 141½ | +½ | 4.6 | |
| 265 | 127 | TR Far East | 138 | | 5.3 | |
| 124½ | 80 | TR Pacific | 92½ | +4½ | 0.2 | |
| 43½ | 27½ | TR Property▼ | 28½ | +½ | 3.9 | |
| 228 | 174 | TR Smlr Cos | 175 | | 2.7 | |
| 152 | 100 | TR Tech Inv | 101 | | 2.2 | |
| 405 | 184 | Turkey Trust | 184 | -1 | 1.4 | |
| 269 | 222 | USDC Invest | 223 | | 2.5 | |
| 129 | 108½ | Value Inc Tst | 111 | +½ | 4.7 | |
| 109 | 61 | Wigmore | 61 | | 1.0 | |
| 257½ | 205 | Witan | 219 | +1 | 3.5 | |
| 113 | 95 | Yeoman Inc | 95 | | 18.0 | |

## LEISURE & HOTELS

| 1994/95 High | Low | Company | Price (p) | +/- | Yld % | P/E |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 40 | 26 | Abtn Str H | 34 | | | |
| 578½ | 416 | Airtours | 440 | +1 | 3.4 | 10.9 |
| 46½ | 17 | Ald Leis | 17 | | | |
| 177 | 135 | Alpha Arpts | 143 | +1 | 3.5 | |
| 48 | 36 | Arcadian | 38 | | | |
| 131 | 85 | Baldwin | 115 | | 3.8 | 19.8 |
| 333 | 220 | Barr & W 'A' | 220 | | 5.6 | 9.2 |
| 250 | 135½ | Bluebird Toys | 220 | | 3.4 | 6.5 |
| 365 | 231 | Boosey Hwks | 335 | | 1.9 | 19.8 |
| 7¼ | 2¼ | Brent Walker | 2½ | | | |
| 200 | 100 | Bristol Scots | 183 | | 2.0 | |
| 7¼ | 1½ | Buckingham Int | 2½ | | | |
| 256 | 114 | Chrysalis | 256 | | 1.6 | 37.8 |
| 94 | 74 | City Centre Rest | 77 | | 2.9 | 15.6 |
| 374 | 305 | Compass Gp | 321 | +6 | 2.7 | 16.5 |
| 290 | 232 | Eurocamp | 254 | | 5.3 | 15.3 |
| 213 | 78 | Euro Disney | 142 | +3 | | |
| 4 | 2 | Euro Leisure | 2½ | | | |
| 455 | 308 | Fairline Boats | 448 | | 4.4 | 30.2 |
| 131 | 81 | First Choice | 118 | | 4.2 | |
| 350 | 245 | First Leisure | 286 | | 3.1 | 17.9 |
| 285 | 209½ | Forte | 235½ | -½ | 4.0 | 27.9 |
| 307 | 160 | Friendly Hotels | 160 | | 4.5 | 28.8 |
| 79 | 49 | GR Hldgs | 55 | | 2.5 | |
| 598 | 475 | Granada | 494 | +10 | 2.5 | 14.7 |
| 96 | 34 | Hi-Tec Sports | 36 | +1 | 9.7 | 5.3 |
| 216 | 115 | Hornby | 115 | -3 | 9.8 | 10.0 |
| 173¼ | 142½ | Jurys Hotel | 172½ | +½ | 4.0 | 15.6 |
| 18½ | 11½ | Kunick | 17½ | | 3.5 | |
| 289 | 200 | London Clubs | 278 | | 5.4 | 14.2 |
| 217½ | 145 | Ladbroke | 168 | +3 | 2.6 | 29.6 |
| 104 | 54 | Magnolia | 54 | -7 | 0.2 | |
| 140½ | 107½ | Max Utd | 127 | | 4.1 | 2.1 |
| 109¼ | 64½ | Mandarin Oml | 73½ | +1½ | 4.3 | 19.4 |
| 75 | 11½ | My Kinda Town | 12½ | | | |
| 81 | 34 | Northern | 75 | +3 | 5.0 | 12.4 |
| 102 | 65½ | Pelican Gp | 79 | | 2.0 | 16.5 |
| 141 | 109 | PizzaExpress | 124 | | 2.0 | 19.1 |
| 183 | 101 | Prism Leisure | 102 | | 5.2 | 7.1 |
| 43 | 21 | Quadrant Grp | 31 | | | |
| 278 | 205 | Ramsdens (H) | 234 | -2 | 2.4 | 35.2 |
| 447¼ | 355½ | Rank Org | 375 | +6 | 4.5 | 18.7 |
| 31½ | 18½ | Ryan Hotels IE | 31 | | 4.2 | 17.7 |
| 1135 | 790 | Savoy Hotel 'A' | 915 | | 0.5 | |
| 92 | 60½ | Stakis | 81½ | | 2.4 | |
| 356 | 296½ | Stanley Leisure | 344 | | 3.0 | 18.9 |
| 345½ | 280 | Tanjong | 280 | | 0.7 | 15.7 |
| 1165 | 959 | Thorn EMI | 1040 | +21 | 4.2 | 19.8 |
| 167 | 75 | Tottenham Hot | 161 | | 0.8 | 43.2 |
| 171 | 129 | TCI | 173 | +2 | 1.5 | 15.5 |
| 149 | 112 | Vardon | 130 | +1 | 1.1 | 23.0 |
| 18 | 5 | Wembley | 5½ | | | |
| 149 | 110 | Zetters Gp | 115 | -1 | 10.8 | 8.6 |

## MEDIA

| 1994/95 High | Low | Company | Price (p) | +/- | Yld % | P/E |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 365 | 270 | Abbott Mead | 339 | | 2.2 | 30.7 |
| 355 | 198 | Adscene | 308 | | 2.9 | 19.1 |
| 33 | 17½ | Anglo Gp | 26 | -½ | | |
| 11¼ | 5½ | Allied Radio | 7 | | | |
| 26 | 13 | BBB Design | 13 | | | 35.9 |
| 235 | 155 | Barbour Index | 184 | | 6.0 | 16.2 |
| 13½ | 5½ | Beridale | 5½ | | | |
| 345 | 320 | Black (A&C) | 320 | | 5.3 | 11.6 |
| 402 | 178 | Blenheim Gp | 192 | | 6.7 | 7.2 |
| 305 | 133 | Border TV | 283 | | 2.6 | 17.6 |
| 413 | 353 | Bristol | 354 | | 4.4 | 36.0 |
| 259 | 245 | B Sky B | 255½ | +1 | | 48.1 |
| 189 | 117½ | CIA Gp | 133 | | 1.6 | 21.5 |
| 26½ | 23 | Caledonian Med | 23 | | | |
| 439 | 325½ | Capital Radio | 377 | | 2.4 | 23.5 |
| 1047 | 797 | Carlton Comm | 867 | +5 | 2.0 | 19.7 |
| 99 | 76 | City of Lon | 88 | | 6.2 | 13.4 |
| 1650 | 1100 | Daily Mail | 1381¼ | +25 | 1.5 | 23.5 |
| 1484¼ | 868½ | Daily Mail 'A' | 1043½ | +56 | 2.0 | 17.7 |
| 329 | 260 | Dorling Kind | 320 | | 1.5 | 34.3 |
| 469 | 355 | EMAP | 402 | -1 | 2.8 | 22.2 |
| 682½ | 538 | Elsevier | 617 | -9½ | 3.2 | 19.7 |
| 1975 | 1450 | Euromoney Pb | 1605 | -15 | 3.3 | |
| 17½ | 8 | Flicn | 11½ | | | |
| 485 | 309 | Flextech | 344 | | | |
| 1033 | 675 | GWR Gp | 890 | | 1.8 | |
| 275 | 143 | Gold Greenless | 144 | | 3.5 | 17.1 |
| 34 | 22½ | Goodhead | 23 | | 0.3 | |
| 356 | 228 | Grampian | 232 | | 3.4 | 15.6 |
| 172 | 106 | HTV Group | 139 | | 1.6 | 31.1 |
| 194 | 32 | Hamington K | 40 | +2 | 3.1 | |
| 515 | 388 | Haynes Pub | 350 | | 3.6 | 18.2 |
| 408 | 328 | Hodder H'line | 342 | +3 | 1.9 | 55.8 |
| 180 | 120 | Home Counts | 162 | | 3.9 | 39.7 |
| 340 | 253 | Independent | 253 | | 3.0 | 13.1 |
| 238 | 161 | Intl Bus Comm | 232 | -1 | 1.9 | 11.3 |
| 162 | 119 | Intereurope | 133 | | 7.3 | 33.7 |
| 167½ | 137½ | Johnston Press | 144 | | 1.7 | 20.2 |
| 33½ | 13 | Lopex | 19 | | 1.6 | 21.5 |
| 110 | 43 | MAID | 70 | +5 | | |
| 569 | 338 | Metal Bulletin | 559 | +1 | 2.6 | 20.1 |
| 177½ | 188 | Midland Ind | 111 | | 2.2 | 15.2 |
| 203 | 120 | Mirror Gp | 138 | +3½ | 1.0 | 6.8 |
| 431 | 344 | More O'Ferrall | 366 | | 4.5 | 21.1 |
| 343 | 223 | News Corp | 249 | +9 | 0.6 | 15.8 |
| 314¼ | 201 | News Intl | 211 | | 0.9 | 11.2 |
| 60 | 23½ | Osprey Comms | 28 | | | |
| 735 | 540 | Pearson | 575 | +6 | 2.9 | 19.8 |
| 440 | 181 | Phonelink | 181 | | | |
| 760 | 603 | Portsmth Sund | 603 | | 2.3 | 12.4 |
| 339 | 234 | Quarto | 234 | | 3.2 | 12.7 |
| 864 | 722 | Reed Intl | 742 | +9 | 3.3 | 22.4 |
| 539¼ | 404 | Reuters | 452 | +15 | 1.9 | 22.9 |
| 178 | 94 | Saatchi | 108 | +1½ | | 21.0 |
| 628 | 385 | Scot Radio | 628 | +10 | 2.7 | 20.0 |
| 574 | 356 | Scot TV | 436 | -3 | 3.6 | 29.3 |
| 40½ | 20½ | SelecTV | 32 | +½ | | |
| 57 | 38½ | Shandwick | 37½ | | 4.3 | |
| 252 | 187 | Southnews | 237 | | 1.8 | 23.6 |
| 300 | 93 | Sterling Pub | 94 | | 4.9 | 8.8 |
| 153 | 117 | Sunset & Vine | 126 | | 4.0 | 11.0 |
| 40½ | 25½ | Taylor Nelson | 34 | +½ | 2.3 | 20.5 |
| 622 | 310 | Telegraph | 360 | +1 | 4.5 | 12.7 |
| 885 | 696 | Thomson Corp | 725 | | 5.2 | 36.2 |
| 472 | 361 | Trinity Intl | 382 | | 3.5 | 16.1 |
| 760 | 518 | Ulster TV | 667 | | 3.0 | 20.5 |
| 731 | 464 | Utd Newspapr | 486 | +10 | 5.9 | 11.7 |
| 161 | 100 | VTR | 100 | | 5.0 | 10.7 |
| 36½ | 12½ | WMGO | 12½ | | 10.4 | 5.9 |
| 129 | 63½ | WPP | 113 | | 1.1 | 16.2 |
| 421 | 159 | Yorkshire TV | 419 | | | |

## MINING

| 1994/95 High | Low | Company | Price (p) | +/- | Yld % | P/E |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 115 | 65 | Alex Corp | 90 | | 4.2 | |
| 4625 | 1762½ | Ang Am Coal | 3800 | | 3.5 | 20.1 |
| 3796¼ | 2509¾ | Ang Am | 2925 | +75 | 2.5 | 26.7 |
| 7331¼ | 4582½ | Ang Am Gold | 5009¾ | +34¼ | 5.4 | 13.2 |
| 36 | 22½ | Anglo Pac Res | 22½ | -½ | | |
| 1512½ | 1195½ | Ashanti | 1128½ | +6¼ | 1.2 | 15.8 |
| 186 | 103 | Ashton | 110 | +1 | 4.8 | |
| 997 | 773½ | Broken Hill | 877 | -32 | 2.4 | 18.3 |
| 404 | 179 | Bahvrclk | 180 | | | |
| 481 | 294½ | Beatrix | 339¼ | +1½ | 5.8 | 17.3 |
| 39 | 32 | Bracken | 32 | | 2.7 | 27.6 |
| 184 | 83½ | Blyvoors | 94½ | +4½ | | |
| 64 | 29 | Bougainville | 30 | +1 | | |
| 37 | 12¼ | Bracken | 14½ | -3 | 6.1 | |
| 898 | 353½ | Buffels | 403 | +25 | 13.5 | |
| 6 | 2½ | Butte | 4 | | | |
| 968 | 745½ | CRA | 785 | -24 | 2.7 | 24.3 |
| 77 | 42 | Central Pacific | 47 | | | |
| 55½ | 36 | Cluff Res | 46½ | -½ | | |
| 143 | 28½ | Coal Inv | 84 | | | |
| 300 | 65 | Cons Murchison | 196 | | 3.2 | |
| 1750 | 1262½ | De Beers | 1293¼ | +31¼ | 4.1 | 13.6 |
| 148 | 68 | Deelkraal | 68½ | +½ | 5.2 | 6.0 |
| 101¼ | 55½ | Doornfontein | 46½ | +½ | | |
| 1036½ | 665½ | Driefontein | 766½ | +30½ | 6.0 | 10.3 |
| 941½ | 527½ | Durban | 656 | +41½ | | |
| 203½ | 107 | E Rand Gold | 124¼ | +5 | 15.4 | 4.3 |
| 122½ | 59½ | E Rand Prop | 75 | +½ | | |
| 135 | 45 | Eastern Trans | 65 | | 6.1 | 10.6 |
| 513 | 300½ | Elandsrand | 308¼ | +1¼ | 3.8 | |
| 447¼ | 320 | Eng China Cl | 365 | +4 | 5.6 | 17.6 |
| 1239 | 719 | FS Cons | 766¼ | +34¼ | 7.6 | 9.5 |
| 77 | 27 | FS Dev | 62 | | 2.0 | |
| 2081¼ | 1193½ | GFSA | 1437½ | +18¼ | 3.5 | 15.7 |
| 80½ | 42 | GM Kalgoorli | 42 | -2 | 3.4 | 15.4 |
| 238½ | 108½ | Gencor | 205½ | +13½ | 1.3 | 25.6 |
| 152 | 75 | Gold Fields Prop▼ | 141 | | 7.6 | |
| 22 | 12½ | Greenwich R 'A' | 13½ | | | |
| 202 | 105½ | Grootvlei | 124½ | +½ | 7.2 | 7.0 |
| 95¼ | 67 | Geduld Cons | 82¼ | +½ | 1.2 | 9.9 |
| 680¾ | 319½ | Harmony | 504¼ | +11¼ | | |
| 430 | 213 | Hartbees | 221¼ | +8½ | 12.8 | 6.9 |
| 1593¼ | 831½ | Impala Plat | 1193¼ | +34¼ | 3.1 | 36.8 |
| 230 | 110 | Kinross | 110 | -4 | 10.9 | 9.9 |
| 1315¾ | 834½ | Kinross | 837¼ | +3½ | 8.1 | 8.2 |
| 1094¾ | 568½ | Kloof | 644½ | +18¼ | 5.7 | 5.9 |
| 137 | 69½ | Leslie | 88½ | -½ | 12.1 | 5.2 |
| 368½ | 176½ | Loraine | 221½ | -8¼ | | |
| 30 | 17 | Meledatgra | 18 | | | |
| 3 | 2½ | Mingraps | 3 | | | |
| 162 | 94 | MIM | 94 | -7 | 2.5 | |
| 1762½ | 1250 | Minorco | 1300 | | 2.8 | |
| 324 | 158 | Monarch | 158 | +1 | | |
| 202½ | 88 | MSM | 88 | | | 9.2 |
| 301¼ | 142 | Nth Bros Hill | 143 | -9 | 3.7 | 20.9 |
| 94 | 45 | Oryx Gold | 50 | | | |
| 101 | 65 | Pancontinental | 68 | | | |
| 463 | 190 | Petaling Tin | 200 | | | 0.7 |
| 199 | 122½ | Placer Pac | 134 | -8 | | |
| 425 | 317 | RJB | 322 | | 4.7 | 15.6 |
| 905 | 753½ | RTZ | 779 | +1 | 3.3 | 22.2 |
| 49 | 31 | Rackwood | 31 | | | |
| 675 | 187½ | Rand Mines | 562½ | | 2.0 | 50.1 |
| 840¼ | 419 | Randfontein | 419 | -2½ | 11.7 | 5.3 |
| 295 | 207 | Renison | 218 | +1 | | |
| 1809¼ | 1078½ | Rustnbrg | 1328¼ | +28¼ | 2.2 | |
| 112 | 63 | St Barbara | 63 | | 3.3 | 15.7 |
| 756 | 436 | St Helena | 466½ | +25½ | 13.2 | |
| 280 | 195 | Sons Gedlla | 227 | +2 | 5.3 | 14.6 |
| 36 | 20 | Sthern Pacific | 20 | | | |
| 2887½ | 1409¾ | Southvaal | 1415¼ | +6¼ | 5.7 | |
| 143 | 73 | Stilfontein | 107½ | +½ | 22.4 | 3.2 |
| 261¼ | 90 | Unisel | 139½ | -4½ | 7.0 | 6.5 |
| 7600 | 4503¼ | Vaal Reefs | 4709¼ | +206¼ | 4.7 | |
| 23 | 7½ | Wankie Col Z | 11 | | 11.3 | 2.6 |
| 1 | ¼ | Water Hal | ¼ | | | |
| 545 | 450 | Wells Buse | 520 | -8 | 3.0 | 19.6 |
| 1213¾ | 508½ | Western Areas | 822 | +46½ | 2.0 | 34.2 |
| 3575 | 1831½ | Western Deep | 1906½ | +68¼ | 4.7 | |
| 398 | 300½ | Western Mng | 325 | -19 | 1.2 | 50.0 |
| 1225 | 603½ | Winkelk | 640¾ | -37¼ | 8.1 | 8.3 |
| 68 | 42 | Zambia Copper | 42 | -4 | | |
| 68 | 45 | Zandpan | 45 | | 9.9 | 10.1 |

## OIL & GAS

| 1994/95 High | Low | Company | Price (p) | +/- | Yld % | P/E |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 45 | 24½ | Aran Energy | 43 | -1 | | |
| 51 | 35 | Arcon Intl | 42 | -1 | | |
| 74¼ | 51¼ | Arc Oil & Gas | 52¼ | +¼ | | |
| 68 | 41 | Arna Pet | 49 | | | |
| 249 | 197 | Br Borneo | 225 | +1 | 3.9 | 10.6 |
| 358 | 253 | British Gas | 306 | +2½ | 5.9 | |
| 437½ | 340 | Br Petroleum | 411 | +1½ | 2.9 | 22.6 |
| 4 | 1½ | Bula Resources | 2¼ | | | |
| 919 | 783 | Burmah Castrl | 813 | -1 | 4.2 | 16.2 |
| 88 | 56 | Cairn Energy | 78 | +1 | | 42.9 |
| 375 | 258 | Calor Gp | 269 | | 5.8 | 13.0 |
| 51 | 33 | Clyde Pet | 39 | +1 | 1.1 | |
| 30 | 8½ | Coplex Res | 10 | | | |
| 2½ | 1½ | Dragon Oil | 2 | | | |
| 27½ | 17 | Edo Oil & Gs | 21 | | | 22.7 |
| 486 | 370 | Enterprise | 405 | +5 | 4.9 | |
| 27 | 8 | Fashaven Jott | 8 | | 15.2 | 3.3 |
| 303 | 240 | Flogas | 240 | | 6.7 | 9.9 |
| 8½ | 4½ | Fortune | 5½ | | | 35.1 |
| 77 | 54 | Goal Pet | 67 | | 2.7 | 22.3 |
| 47 | 31 | Gt Western Res | 39 | | | |
| 177 | 129 | Hardy O & G | 129 | -1 | 1.0 | 16.5 |
| 55 | 40 | Intl Energy | 55 | | 3.0 | 22.1 |
| 169 | 110½ | Lasmo | 146 | | 0.9 | |
| 73 | 48 | Lasmo Units | 50 | | 19.6 | |
| 75 | 55 | Monument | 63½ | | | 67.6 |
| 7½ | 3½ | New London | 5½ | | | |
| 2540¾ | 1912½ | Norsk Hydro | 2537½ | +63¾ | 1.3 | |
| 9½ | 3½ | Oceonic | 4½ | | | |
| 50 | 36 | Oil Search | 42 | | | |
| 50½ | 17½ | Petrol | 27½ | -2½ | | |
| 194 | 140 | Pict Pet | 185 | | | |
| 32½ | 21 | Premier | 23½ | | | 12.9 |
| 158 | 43 | Presido | 43 | | | 15.5 |
| 111 | 79 | Pittencroft Rs | 80 | | | |
| 309 | 129 | Ramco Egy | 300 | +21 | 0.2 | |
| 463 | 325 | Ranger | 355 | | 5.7 | |
| 7700 | 6681½ | Royal Dtch R | 7087½ | +84½ | 4.6 | 18.3 |
| 4084½ | 3221½ | Schlumberger | 3334¾ | -43¾ | 2.3 | |
| 68 | 43 | Scott Pickford | 47 | | 2.4 | 9.1 |
| 90 | 50 | Seafield | 85 | | | |
| 758 | 651 | Shell | 708 | -1 | 4.4 | 21.5 |
| 187 | 116 | Sunrise Eng Sv | 116 | | | |
| 4237½ | 3431½ | Total | 3618¾ | +25 | 5.0 | |
| 19 | 9½ | Vikes Grp | 9½ | | | |
| 245 | 178½ | Woodside | 227 | -7 | 1.7 | |
| 118 | 28 | XCL | 45 | | | |

## OTHER FINANCIAL

| 1994/95 High | Low | Company | Price (p) | +/- | Yld % | P/E |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 165 | 75 | BWD | 77 | | 6.8 | 8.3 |
| 130 | 96 | Baltic Plc | 129 | +2 | 1.9 | 8.2 |
| 185 | 73 | Berry Birch Ntl | 74 | | 8.8 | 11.2 |
| 215 | 150 | Biotec Inv | 150 | | | |
| 154 | 108 | Brewin Dolphin | 118 | ... | 6.1 | 8.7 |
| [illegible] | 620 | Caledonia | 656 | | 3.3 | 17.2 |
| [illegible] | 1900 | Camellia | 2150 | | 1.6 | |
| [illegible] | 17½ | Carlisle | 18½ | | 1.7 | |
| 520½ | 436 | Cater Allen | 436 | +9 | 8.1 | 9.0 |
| 124 | 125 | Cattles | 128 | | 4.4 | 16.6 |
| 93 | 33 | Candie | 33 | | | 12.3 |
| 16 | 12 | EFG | 12 | | 0.9 | 9.1 |
| [illegible] | 45½ | EFT Group | 64 | | 3.3 | 12.5 |
| 740 | 513 | Efta | 714 | | 3.2 | 21.4 |
| 212 | 158 | Exco | 173 | | 5.1 | 4.8 |
| 229 | 157 | Gartmore | 179½ | | 2.9 | 20.7 |
| 615 | 399 | Gerrard Nat | 452 | | 6.5 | 13.4 |
| 465 | 325 | Govett | 333 | -8 | 5.5 | 5.5 |
| 1209 | 645 | Henderson Ac | 1073 | | 5.2 | 14.9 |
| 251 | 151 | Invesco | 156 | -1 | 2.8 | 27.6 |
| 50 | 37 | Investment Co | 35 | | 4.9 | 14.4 |
| 250 | 185 | Ivory Sime | 215 | | 4.4 | 16.7 |
| 317 | 192½ | Jardine Strat | 207 | +2 | 4.0 | 8.3 |
| 128 | 103 | Johnson Fry | 118 | | 1.8 | 3.7 |
| 170 | 96 | King Shaxson | 97 | | 11.6 | 9.6 |
| 245 | 123 | Lon Forfaiting | 134 | | 8.7 | 8.4 |
| 124 | 96 | Lon Scot Bk | 119 | | 4.3 | |
| 1243 | 794 | M & G | 982 | +4 | 3.8 | 17.2 |
| 323 | 218 | MAI | 236 | | 1.1 | 12.9 |
| 117½ | 65½ | MAI 5.9% Cv Pf | 91½ | | | |
| 807 | 538 | MAM | 779 | +8 | 3.7 | 18.2 |
| 5½ | 6½ | Nat Home Loan | 11½ | | | 1.0 |
| 1258 | 970 | Perpetual | 1243 | | 2.5 | 13.5 |
| 577 | 415 | Provident | 520 | -1 | 4.3 | 16.5 |
| 365 | 245 | Rathbone Br | 255 | -5 | 4.2 | 12.6 |
| [illegible] | 21½ | Rutland Tst | 25 | | 4.5 | 12.7 |
| 269 | 281½ | S & U | 251 | | 4.7 | 9.5 |
| 425 | 159 | Sharelink | 159 | | 2.1 | 6.0 |
| 198 | 106 | SJP Capital | 110 | | 3.4 | 7.8 |
| 496 | 324 | Smith New Crt | 434 | | 2.9 | 5.0 |
| 604 | 306½ | Smith Pacific A | 348 | -7 | 2.7 | |
| 124 | 76 | Town Law | 77 | | 7.3 | 6.6 |
| 65 | 33 | Two Hldgs▼ | 33 | | 0.5 | |
| 199 | 87 | Union | 98 | -1 | 6.4 | 8.1 |
| 31 | 20 | Western Selection | 24 | | 1.2 | |

## PHARMACEUTICALS

| 1994/95 High | Low | Company | Price (p) | +/- | Yld % | P/E |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 615 | 311½ | Brit Biotech | 535 | +4 | | |
| 469 | 315 | Cantab Pharma | 315 | -3 | | |
| 243 | 191 | Celltech | 242 | | | |
| 151 | 88 | Chiroscience | 113 | | | |
| 47 | 36 | Cortecs | 36 | | | |
| 157 | 100 | Fisons | 100 | | 3.1 | |
| 725 | 520 | Glaxo | 626 | -8 | 5.4 | 15.1 |
| 195 | 95½ | Grampian Hdg | 108 | | 6.4 | 20.0 |
| 187 | 120 | Medeva | 176 | +6 | 2.1 | 14.2 |
| 3 | 1½ | Premier Health | 1½ | | | |
| 330 | 237 | Quality Care | 250 | | 2.2 | |
| 327 | 242 | Scotia | 327 | | | |
| 82 | 44 | Shield Diag | 36 | | | |
| 476 | 357½ | SmithKline | 471 | +16 | 3.3 | 18.3 |
| 446 | 322 | SmithKline UE | 443 | +14½ | 3.5 | 17.2 |
| 1005 | 498 | Wellcome | 996 | -11 | 2.5 | 22.7 |
| 934 | 672 | Zeneca | 882 | -7 | 3.9 | 17.7 |

## PRINTING & PAPER

| 1994/95 High | Low | Company | Price (p) | +/- | Yld % | P/E |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 184 | 122 | AG Holdings | 127 | | 5.4 | 12.0 |
| 444 | 335 | APIT | 399 | | 2.8 | |
| 316 | 225 | Arjo Wiggins | 229 | +2 | 3.6 | 34.4 |
| 205 | 146 | Aspen Coms | 166 | | 3.8 | 18.9 |
| 472 | 347 | Bemrose | 361½ | -2½ | 4.5 | 12.0 |
| 171 | 97 | Blagden | 109 | | 1.7 | 51.0 |
| 521 | 397 | Bowater | 402 | +1 | 4.1 | 15.1 |
| 1912½ | 1378½ | Bowater Inc | 1675 | | 34¼ | |
| 297 | 242 | Boxmore Intl | 271 | | 1.9 | 16.5 |
| 515 | 435 | Br Polythene | 489 | -15 | 3.1 | 17.1 |
| 176 | 30 | Br Thornton | 30 | | 18.8 | 2.6 |
| 180½ | 112 | Bunton Grp | 121 | -1 | 2.6 | 17.8 |
| 186 | 139 | Bunzl | 164 | | 3.1 | 19.3 |
| 192 | 129 | Carlton Inds | 142 | | 4.0 | 11.1 |
| 2446½ | 1890½ | Carnaud Mb | 2215½ | +59½ | 2.2 | 17.1 |
| 439 | 279 | Cropper (James) | 273 | | 1.6 | 14.7 |
| 1035 | 225 | De La Rue | 1019 | -15 | 2.6 | 18.5 |
| 114 | 71 | Delyn Group | 72 | | 2.9 | 13.1 |
| 137 | 101 | Dolphin Pack | 101 | | 5.6 | 13.0 |
| 101 | 75 | Fairway Group | 89 | -1 | 4.8 | 16.6 |
| 430 | 295 | Ferguson Intl | 306 | | 5.7 | 12.3 |
| 145 | 115 | Ferry Pick | 115 | | 6.2 | |
| 30 | 1½ | Huntercraft | 1½ | | | |
| 230 | 150 | Inveresk | 164 | | 3.8 | 9.9 |
| 291 | 248 | Jarvis Porter | 299 | | 2.4 | 13.8 |
| 438 | 364 | Low & Bonar | 368 | -4 | 3.3 | 15.5 |
| 69 | 44½ | MY Holdings | 52 | | 3.8 | 12.4 |
| 271 | 222 | Macfarlane | 239 | | 2.1 | 19.2 |
| 250 | 148 | Plysu | 177 | +3 | 4.9 | 29.9 |
| 1072 | 513 | Portals | 1072 | +4 | 1.3 | 29.1 |
| 412 | 314 | St Ives Gp | 336½ | +½ | 2.4 | 18.2 |
| 1153½ | 364½ | Sappi | 1067 | +35½ | 0.5 | |
| 30½ | 8 | Sent | 8½ | | | |
| 351½ | 149 | Sidlaw | 150 | -14 | 8.6 | |
| 573 | 398 | Smith (David) | 506 | -11 | 3.0 | 15.4 |
| 430½ | 274½ | Smurfit (Jeff) | 395 | -2 | 1.4 | 56.4 |
| 119 | 92 | Sonnet | 99 | | 3.5 | 10.6 |
| 45 | 18½ | Unit Group | 32 | -1 | | |
| 270 | 182 | Wace | 228 | +4½ | 2.2 | 14.5 |
| 291 | 209 | Waddington (J) | 212 | -2 | 5.1 | 10.4 |
| 511 | 365 | Watmough | 368 | -2 | 2.3 | 33.3 |
| 149 | 98 | Wyndeham | 137 | | 2.6 | 17.5 |

## PROPERTY

| 1994/95 High | Low | Company | Price (p) | +/- | Yld % | P/E |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 130 | 88 | Allied Lon | 89 | | 5.4 | 11.4 |
| 276 | 253 | Argent | 257 | | | |
| 80 | 63 | Artesian Est | 72 | | | |
| 141 | 105 | Assco | 105 | | 2.7 | 18.6 |
| 382½ | 233 | Bilton | 241 | .. | 5.0 | 17.5 |
| 283 | 208 | Barkby | 212 | | 4.0 | 18.4 |
| 39½ | 13 | Bolton Gp | 14 | | | 42.7 |
| 108 | 64 | Bourne End | 64 | -1 | 1.5 | |
| 276 | 170 | Bradford | 180 | +3 | 4.7 | 15.2 |
| 137 | 103 | Brightstone | 116 | | 4.0 | 26.9 |
| 474 | 343 | Br Land | 380 | +5 | 2.5 | 36.1 |
| 276 | 168 | Brixton | 178 | | 5.7 | 15.8 |
| 118 | 81 | Burford | 85 | | 2.3 | 27.6 |
| 112 | 96 | CLS Hldgs | 100 | | 6.1 | |
| 207½ | 125½ | Cap & Regnl | 135 | | 1.5 | 30.8 |
| 229 | 187 | Cap Shop Ctrs | 197 | +2 | 4.1 | 47.4 |
| 335 | 203 | Cardiff Prop | 223 | | 1.5 | |
| 66 | 23½ | Cathay Intl | 24½ | | | |
| 185 | 152 | Chelsfield | 155 | +1 | 1.9 | 52.6 |
| 678 | 413 | Chesterfield | 441 | | 3.5 | 19.8 |
| 112 | 78 | Chesterton Intl | 79 | | 5.2 | 11.1 |
| 84 | 36 | City Site Ests | 40 | -2 | | 9.8 |
| 12¼ | 5¼ | Clarke Nickolls | 6 | | 2.1 | 12.5 |
| 87½ | 50 | Compco | 50 | | 10.9 | 4.0 |
| 56 | 25 | Conrad Ritlat GS | 26 | | 2.4 | 22.7 |
| 1755 | 1180 | Daejan | 1183 | | 2.1 | 12.2 |
| 15½ | 3 | Dares Estates▲ | 4½ | +¼ | | |
| 17 | 4 | De Morgan | 4¾ | | | |
| 156 | 75 | Derwntan Twst | 75 | -1 | 5.8 | 11.9 |
| 189 | 158 | Gencora | 158 | | 6.4 | 20.0 |
| 347½ | 231 | Derwent Hldgs | 233 | +1 | 2.6 | 20.8 |
| 17 | 17 | Development Sec | 17 | | 0.7 | |
| 51 | 45 | Dwyer | 45 | | 2.1 | 21.3 |
| 53 | 25 | Elsco | 32 | | | |
| 460 | 275 | Estates Agency | 340 | | 4.7 | |
| 47 | 18 | Estates Gen | 21½ | | | |
| 132 | 97 | Evans Of Leeds | 106 | -1 | 3.1 | 17.7 |
| 43½ | 21½ | Ex-Lands | 22½ | | 1.2 | 78.5 |
| 80 | 64 | Fiscal Prop | 66 | | 1.2 | |
| 37 | 23½ | Five Oaks | 24 | | 2.6 | 10.1 |
| 78 | 31 | Fletcher Kingt | 31 | | 6.0 | 15.4 |
| 51 | 38 | Folkes Group | 44 | | 4.3 | |
| 46 | 31 | Folkes Group nv | 31 | | 4.6 | 33.3 |
| 536 | 405 | Frogmore | 408 | | 5.2 | 14.8 |
| 325 | 228 | Grainger | 245 | | 2.7 | 43.8 |
| 260 | 167½ | Gt Portland | 176 | +1 | 5.8 | 30.1 |
| 226½ | 118 | Greycoat | 132½ | | 0.6 | |
| 94 | 36 | Hambro Cntyw | 36 | | 0.9 | 36.6 |
| 435 | 298 | Hammerson | 324 | +3 | 3.9 | 32.5 |
| 390 | 298 | Helical Bar | 307 | | 2.5 | 11.0 |
| 40¾ | 27½ | Hemingway | 28 | | 1.8 | 48.1 |
| 78 | 19 | Herring Baker | 19 | | 6.6 | |
| 75 | 31 | High-Point | 31 | | 2.0 | |
| 369 | 109 | Hk Land | 119½ | +3½ | 5.5 | |
| 311½ | 136½ | Jermyn | 160 | | | |
| 792 | 543 | Land Sec | 568 | +15 | 5.3 | 16.3 |
| 387 | 325 | London Indl▼ | 325 | | 2.6 | 25.1 |
| 43½ | 37 | Lon & Assoc | 38 | | 2.7 | 50.0 |
| 16 | 6 | Lon & Metro | 8 | | | 0.2 |
| 122 | 86 | Lon Merch Sect | 90 | | 5.9 | 14.9 |
| 562 | 353 | MEPC | 376 | +4 | 8.6 | 22.0 |
| 13½ | 5½ | McInerney A | 5½ | | | |
| 190 | 140 | McKay Secs | 141 | | 4.6 | 13.5 |
| 85 | 55 | Menvale Mre | 61 | | 4.1 | 9.8 |
| 55 | 27 | Mountleigh Est | 30 | | 4.2 | |
| 1425 | 1075 | Mountview | 1075 | | 2.8 | 8.3 |
| 196 | 142 | Muckiow (A&J) | 142 | | 5.5 | 19.0 |
| | | ORB | | | | 0.6 |
| 64 | 28 | Olives Prop | 28 | | | 10.5 |
| 191 | 135½ | PDFM | 137 | | 4.4 | 13.3 |
| 399 | 218 | Peel | 230 | | 2.6 | 32.1 |
| 162 | 138 | Pillar Prop | 142 | | 3.1 | |
| 12½ | 1½ | Power Corp | 1½ | | | |
| 9½ | 4½ | Prestige Land | 6½ | | | 21.1 |
| 77 | 56 | RPS Group | 71 | | 4.6 | 12.8 |
| 53 | 31 | Raglan | 33 | | | 8.0 |
| 40 | 23½ | Regalian | 26 | | | 6.4 |
| 180 | 125 | Rowlinson Secs | 125 | | 1.9 | 8.9 |
| 134 | 97 | Rugby Est | 100 | | 2.6 | |
| 64 | 43 | St Modwen Prp | 47 | | 3.5 | 10.7 |
| 78 | 59 | Saville Grdn (J) | 62 | | 5.1 | 14.5 |
| 100 | 47 | Scotco | 47 | | 6.0 | 7.6 |
| 108 | 64 | Scot Met | 73 | | 3.4 | 8.9 |
| 135 | 86 | Shaftesbury | 87 | +1 | 1.4 | 15.0 |
| 307 | 207½ | Slough Estates | 231 | -5 | 4.4 | 49.2 |
| 103 | 42 | Southend Prop | 51 | +4 | 6.0 | |
| 133 | 100 | Specity Shops | 101 | | 2.8 | |
| 50 | 5 | Stanhope Prps | 8 | | | |
| 44 | 34 | TBI | 34½ | | | 1.7 |
| 244 | 163 | Tops Estat | 166 | | 1.7 | 42.3 |
| 130½ | 92½ | Town Centre | 96 | | 4.0 | 17.8 |
| 107 | 81 | Trafford Park | 86 | | 4.6 | 14.6 |
| 29½ | 15 | Trenchemood | 21 | | | |
| 58 | 38 | UK Land | 40 | | | |
| 317 | 206 | Warner | 206 | | 7.1 | |
| 260 | 218 | Warnford | 225 | | 4.4 | 18.4 |
| 103½ | 62 | Watts | 66 | | | |
| 45 | 25 | Warner Inst | 32 | | | |
| 105 | 46 | Wood John D | 46 | | 5.5 | 9.8 |
| 30 | 15 | YRM | 18 | | | |

## RETAILERS, FOOD

| 1994/95 High | Low | Company | Price (p) | +/- | Yld % | P/E |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 70 | 58½ | ASDA Group | 67½ | | 3.4 | 15.4 |
| 315 | 222½ | Argyll | 269 | -4 | 5.4 | 11.5 |
| 505 | 413 | Bake Bros | 460 | | 1.9 | 16.5 |
| 43 | 23 | Budgen | 34 | | 5.3 | 14.4 |
| 17 | 11½ | Colfabs | 13½ | | | |
| 137 | 85½ | Dairy Farm Intl | 77½ | -2½ | 4.7 | 10.7 |
| 384 | 344 | Farepak | 348 | | 2.5 | 17.9 |
| 60 | 37 | Fitzwilton | 43 | | 10.5 | |
| 108 | 87 | Fyffes | 102 | +1 | 1.7 | 17.5 |
| 371 | 165 | Geest | 179 | -6 | 5.7 | |
| 1880 | 653 | Greggs | 1053 | -5 | 2.1 | 19.8 |
| 211 | 133 | Iceland Group | 155 | +1 | 3.2 | 9.6 |
| 656 | 523 | Kwik Save | 561 | | 4.3 | 10.1 |
| 18 | 9 | Merchant Retail | 11 | | | |
| 149 | 98 | Morrison (W) | 146 | +1 | 0.9 | 17.0 |
| 232 | 126 | Nurdin Peack | 153 | +10 | 5.4 | 8.5 |
| 146 | 99½ | Park Foods | 115 | | 3.8 | 10.2 |
| 5½ | 1½ | Regis Hill | 1½ | | | |
| 480 | 342 | Sainsbury J | 426 | +1 | 3.2 | 15.1 |
| 258 | 200½ | Tesco | 247 | -1 | 4.0 | 12.4 |
| 198 | 147 | Thornton | 147 | -1 | 4.2 | 12.0 |
| 422 | 279 | Watson & Philip | 365 | | 5.2 | 13.7 |

## RETAILERS, GENERAL

| 1994/95 High | Low | Company | Price (p) | +/- | Yld % | P/E |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 80 | 25 | Alexon | 28 | | | |
| 248 | 189 | Allders | 211 | | 4.0 | 11.9 |
| 410 | 307 | Argos Plc | 347 | -2 | 3.0 | 18.3 |
| 102 | 54½ | Ashley (Laura) | 76 | | 0.2 | |
| 357 | 129 | Aspray | 134 | | 5.6 | 11.0 |
| 246 | 176 | Austin Reed | 218 | | 3.2 | 10.9 |
| 168 | 132 | Beattie (J) 'A' | 134 | | 5.8 | 17.5 |
| 150 | 110 | Bentalls | 119 | | 2.1 | 41.2 |
| 185 | 36 | Bolbonetro | 44 | | 8.0 | 4.7 |
| 48 | 20 | Blacks Leisl | 32 | | 8.8 | |
| 264 | 175 | Body Shop | 182 | +5 | 1.5 | 16.0 |
| 681 | 458½ | Boots | 471 | +4 | 4.7 | 15.0 |
| 12½ | 1½ | Brown & Jacksn | 1½ | | | |
| 263 | 205 | Brown (N) | 222 | | 2.4 | 19.8 |
| 74½ | 51 | Burton | 70½ | +½ | 3.5 | 34.7 |
| 245 | 130 | Caters | 134 | | 3.8 | 19.0 |
| 384 | 220 | Carpetright | 252 | +4 | 4.1 | 17.9 |
| 246 | 152 | Cinches Hl | 162 | | 1.5 | 28.6 |
| 520 | 388 | Church | 460 | | 3.4 | 24.4 |
| 171 | 87 | Clinton Cards | 87 | -2 | 6.8 | 12.6 |
| 170 | 81 | Chry Casual | 85 | | 5.7 | 27.2 |
| 903 | 730 | Courts Furnish | 790 | | 1.0 | 40.1 |
| 210 | 155 | Crown Eyes | 195 | | 6.4 | 8.1 |
| 353 | 245 | DFS Furniture | 251 | | 3.6 | 18.9 |
| 287 | 170 | Dixons Grp | 204 | +2 | 4.1 | 21.7 |
| 580 | 530 | Ely (Wimbldn) | 580 | | 3.8 | 27.2 |
| 11½ | 7½ | ERA Gp | 9 | | | |
| 38½ | 132 | Essex Furn | 133 | -1 | 4.0 | 18.6 |
| 358 | 200 | Etam | 201 | | 4.8 | 11.1 |
| 558 | 336 | Fine Art Dev | 339 | | 5.3 | 18.5 |
| 68 | 46 | Fired Earth | 61 | | | |
| 106 | 71 | Flying Flowers | 88 | -1 | 1.5 | 17.8 |
| 278 | 124 | Francn Corn | 272 | | | 11.5 |
| 264 | 205 | Frost Group | 289 | | 3.2 | 21.1 |
| 65 | 49 | Graves | 56 | | 3.5 | |
| 136 | 85 | Goldsmiths Gp | 128 | | 4.5 | |
| 653 | 493 | GUS | 518½ | +1½ | 3.3 | 18.5 |
| 196 | 164 | Hamleys | 191 | | 3.3 | 18.4 |
| 36 | 21 | Hampden Grp | 31 | -1 | 4.8 | |
| 227 | 159 | Hse of Fraser | 160½ | +½ | 3.8 | 14.5 |
| 35 | 58½ | Hughes (T.J) | 92 | +½ | 3.9 | 13.5 |
| 255 | 228 | JJB Sports | 251 | | 3.0 | 15.3 |
| 778 | 379 | Kingfisher | 419 | +2 | 4.4 | 11.8 |
| 276 | 100 | Kleeneze | 109 | | | |
| 435 | 263 | Liberty | 270 | | 2.2 | |
| 380 | 277 | Lloyds Chem | 285 | -2 | 4.2 | 9.3 |
| 184 | 117 | MFI | 130 | +1 | 4.0 | 18.3 |
| 460½ | 368 | Marks Spencer | 387 | +6 | 3.1 | 17.2 |
| 680 | 495 | Menzies (John) | 511 | | 3.1 | |
| 377 | 238 | Moss Bros | 352 | -1 | 3.8 | 13.9 |
| 275 | 214 | Next | 254 | +2 | 3.3 | 15.6 |
| 59 | 20 | OEM | 31 | | | |
| 97 | 39 | Oliver (G) | 94 | | | |
| 115 | 73 | Partridge Fine | 91 | | 4.0 | |
| 37 | 9½ | Pentos | 9½ | | | |
| 268 | 135 | QS Hldgs | 138 | | 4.7 | 15.1 |
| 62 | 14 | Ravns Gp | 14 | | 4.5 | |
| 209 | 123 | Rosebys | 123 | -2 | 4.8 | 14.4 |
| 132 | 93 | Sears | 99½ | +¾ | 4.7 | 18.9 |
| 46 | 16½ | Signet Group | 19½ | | | 6.7 |
| 549 | 426 | Smith WH | 428 | -1 | 4.6 | 21.8 |
| 1280 | 688 | Sothebys | 703 | | 1.8 | |
| 252 | 189 | Storehouse | 221 | | 3.2 | 18.1 |
| 206 | 151½ | Stylo | 188 | | 1.8 | 19.8 |
| 198 | 146 | T & S Stores | 180 | | 4.8 | 11.3 |
| 175 | 104 | Tie Rack | 104 | -3 | 2.1 | 12.4 |
| 67½ | 3½ | Upton & South | 3½ | | | |
| 539 | 394 | Vendome | 462 | +1 | 2.1 | 35.6 |
| 70 | 28 | WEW Group | 31 | | 2.8 | 26.2 |
| 93½ | 52 | Wid of Leather | 69 | -1 | 1.5 | |
| 195 | 138 | Wyevale | 156 | | 3.7 | 16.5 |

## SPIRITS, WINES & CIDERS

| 1994/95 High | Low | Company | Price (p) | +/- | Yld % | P/E |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 683 | 507 | Allied Domecq | 522 | +12 | 5.4 | 14.1 |
| 459 | 358 | Bulmer (HP) | 395 | +1 | 3.5 | 21.3 |
| 140 | 105 | Burn Stewart | 119 | | 5.3 | 26.2 |
| 506 | 352 | Grand Met | 365 | +3½ | 4.8 | 17.1 |
| 542 | 409½ | Guinness | 421 | +6 | 3.8 | 13.9 |
| 457 | 353 | Highland Distl | 405 | +1 | 2.2 | 18.5 |
| 232 | 127 | Macallan-Glen | 208 | | 0.7 | 54.6 |
| 710 | 365 | Macon Mrtn 'A' | 690 | | 1.8 | 25.7 |
| 614 | 515 | Matthew Clark | 543 | +1 | 4.3 | 24.9 |
| 250 | 61 | Moryhan W | 81 | +9 | 3.9 | |
| 190 | 142 | Taunton Cider | 147 | +1 | 5.7 | 11.4 |

## SUPPORT SERVICES

| 1994/95 High | Low | Company | Price (p) | +/- | Yld % | P/E |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 187 | 73 | ACT Group | 74 | +1 | 8.9 | 7.8 |
| 743 | 583 | ADT | 630 | +2 | | |
| 46 | 34 | Alphameric | 40 | | | 38.5 |
| 140 | 59 | Auto Sec | 71 | +1 | | 8.2 |
| 162 | 99 | BET Ord | 105½ | +2 | 4.1 | 15.1 |
| 195 | 115 | BNB Res | 163 | -2 | 3.8 | 19.3 |
| 255 | 175 | BPP | 225 | | 4.9 | 18.1 |
| 186 | 130 | BSM | 163 | +10 | 4.9 | 13.9 |
| 3 | ½ | Black & Edg | 2½ | | | |
| 1100 | 500 | Borland | 525 | | | |
| 226 | 158 | Brit Data Mgt | 185 | | 3.8 | 13.0 |
| 79 | 57 | Brooks Service | 62 | | 3.5 | |
| 117½ | 78 | CRT Gp | 78 | | 5.4 | 18.9 |
| 238 | 150 | Capita Group | 151 | +1 | 2.3 | 19.2 |
| 423 | 277½ | Chubb Sect | 309 | | 2.7 | 18.0 |
| 243 | 105 | Comput People | 232 | | 1.3 | 52.8 |
| 65 | 41 | Corp Services | 65 | +2 | 0.5 | 24.4 |
| 97 | 43 | Coutts Cnstig | 53 | | 0.9 | |
| 276 | 212 | Davis Service | 228 | -1 | 4.5 | 15.3 |
| 83 | 66 | Dudley Jenkins | 74 | | 5.7 | 13.8 |
| 154 | 79 | EW Fact | 80 | | 7.7 | 6.0 |
| 199½ | 135 | El Oura Pic | 140 | | 1.8 | 13.6 |
| 534 | 281 | Hays | 290 | +1½ | 2.6 | 19.8 |
| 289 | 178 | Hogg Robinson | 179 | -1 | 5.1 | 11.5 |
| 39 | 12 | Holmes Protectn | 27 | | | 7.5 |
| 15 | 8 | Ins Cm & Data | 11½ | | | 5.8 |
| 2696½ | 1556¼ | ISS B DKr | 1790¾ | +115¾ | 5.9 | 1.9 |
| 165 | 126 | JBA Hldgs | 164 | +1 | 1.8 | 16.7 |
| 414 | 227 | Johnson Clean | 230 | | 5.9 | 8.3 |
| 145 | 99 | Kalamazoo | 109 | | 4.0 | 12.3 |
| 236 | 221 | Kewill Syst | 255 | | 3.7 | 9.3 |
| 35 | 17 | Laser-Scan | 19 | | | |
| 143½ | 68 | LDMS | 77 | -1 | | |
| 8 | 4 | Lep | 4½ | | | |
| 326 | 266 | Logica | 305 | -2 | 2.0 | 21.5 |
| 264 | 65½ | MDIS | 70 | +2 | 11.2 | 4.9 |
| 208 | 143 | MMT Comp | 198 | | 3.3 | 15.7 |
| 216 | 102 | MR Data Mngt | 118 | +1 | 5.9 | |
| 723 | 418 | Macro 4 | 418 | | 6.0 | 11.7 |
| 1865¾ | 1156½ | Manpower | 1643¾ | +6¼ | 0.2 | |
| 1320 | 790 | Micro Focus | 823 | -10 | | 10.8 |
| 178 | 101 | Microgen | 117 | | 8.1 | |
| 548½ | 408 | Misys | 417 | -2 | 2.0 | 12.9 |
| 205 | 141½ | MITIE Grp | 204 | | 1.6 | 20.7 |
| 35 | 22 | Novo Group | 26 | | 1.0 | 10.0 |
| 82 | 22 | OIC Intl | 24 | | 9.8 | 4.5 |
| 31 | 19 | Orbis | 22 | | 3.6 | |
| 85 | 60 | P & P | 81 | -2 | 3.3 | 20.1 |
| 118 | 65 | Michael Page | 116 | | 2.5 | 28.5 |
| 143 | 90 | Parity | 115 | | 2.4 | 35.8 |
| 235 | 150 | Pegasus | 155 | | 4.0 | 15.8 |
| 175 | 82 | Pemco | 105 | | 4.8 | |
| 89¼ | 60½ | Prmodiol | 67 | | 6.5 | 11.5 |
| 415 | 280 | RCO | 280 | | 7.4 | 9.8 |
| 48 | 27 | Radius | 35 | | 1.2 | |
| 183 | 73 | Real Time | 175 | | 2.9 | 13.3 |
| 177 | 104 | Reed Executive | 143 | | 0.9 | |
| 163 | 105 | Reliance Secf | 143 | | 4.4 | 21.8 |
| 279 | 199½ | Rentokil | 226 | +4 | 1.7 | 29.3 |
| 194 | 135 | Ricardo Group | 136 | | 5.5 | 18.5 |
| 215 | 147½ | Roffa & Nolan | 184 | | 2.7 | 20.3 |
| 688 | 507 | Sage Grp | 675 | +7 | 2.6 | |
| 392 | 243 | Salvesen (C) | 270 | +3 | 3.8 | 14.0 |
| 94 | 76 | Sanderson Elect | 85 | | 4.2 | 12.3 |
| 17½ | 9 | Select App | 13 | -½ | | |
| 438 | 310 | Serco Gp | 399 | | 1.1 | 34.1 |
| 307 | 243 | Serco Gp | 280 | | 1.6 | 25.5 |
| 169 | 136 | Servecar | 166 | | 2.9 | 26.0 |
| 130 | 75 | Shared Comp | 88 | | | |
| 130 | 80 | Shatchley | 91 | | 4.4 | |
| 354 | 168 | Stat-Plus | 168 | -3 | 6.8 | 7.9 |
| 196 | 100 | Unipalm | 126 | | | |
| 31 | 12½ | Vistec | 15 | +1½ | 3.3 | 8.2 |
| 65 | 37 | WSP Hldgs | 44 | | 5.4 | 25.8 |
| 338 | 270 | Warner Howard | 270 | | 3.6 | 12.4 |

## TELECOMMUNICATIONS

| 1994/95 High | Low | Company | Price (p) | +/- | Yld % | P/E |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 486 | 353½ | BT | 398 | -½ | 5.4 | 14.1 |
| 543 | 350½ | Cable Wireless | 372 | -3 | 2.8 | 15.2 |
| 206 | 108 | Filtronic Com | 195 | -5 | 0.5 | 40.3 |
| 1543 | 1146 | Securicor | 1495 | -20 | 0.3 | 34.7 |
| 1069 | 785 | Securicor 'A' | 920 | -13 | 0.5 | 20.9 |
| 892 | 606 | Security Serv | 750 | -4 | 1.1 | 20.8 |
| 221 | 157½ | Vodafone | 182½ | -5½ | 2.1 | 23.6 |

## TEXTILES & APPAREL

| 1994/95 High | Low | Company | Price (p) | +/- | Yld % | P/E |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 138 | 75 | Albion | 78 | | 5.2 | 4.1 |
| 230 | 116 | Alexdra W | 118 | +2 | 6.1 | 12.6 |
| 617 | 488 | Allied Text | 489 | | 3.5 | |
| 180 | 82 | Atkins | 83 | | 12.2 | 28.3 |
| 45 | 31 | Automagic | 34 | | | 8.6 |
| 270 | 200 | Baird (Wm) | 218 | -2 | 5.1 | 18.6 |
| 71 | 35 | Beckman (A) | 46 | +1 | 9.7 | 22.5 |
| 290 | 226 | Black (Peter) | 238 | -1 | 3.4 | 13.9 |
| 121 | 74 | Bridport-Gndry | 119 | | 3.2 | 16.3 |
| 236 | 171 | Br Mohair | 184 | | 5.8 | 16.9 |
| 74 | 20 | Campari | 25 | | | |
| 104 | 76 | Cassidy Bros | 78 | -1 | 4.5 | 9.7 |
| 193 | 163 | Chamb Phipps | 172 | -2 | 5.3 | 22.6 |
| 385 | 300 | Claremont Ga | 302 | | 3.1 | 16.8 |
| 257 | 169 | Coats Viyella | 172½ | -½ | 6.0 | 15.0 |
| 593 | 417 | Courtauld Text | 428 | +3 | 4.2 | 19.2 |
| 159½ | 114 | Dawson | 122½ | | 3.1 | |
| 143 | 97½ | Dewhirst (IJ) | 132½ | | 1.6 | 18.7 |
| 42 | 32 | Dudar Heel | 41 | | 4.3 | 12.0 |
| 52 | 25 | Drummond | 30 | | | 13.5 |
| 26 | 14 | Ebbel | 22 | | | |
| 80 | 65 | Faupel | 65 | -1 | 9.4 | 10.6 |
| 155 | 136 | Foromroa | 147 | | 2.8 | |
| 29 | 14 | Foster (John) | 20 | | | |
| 126 | 91 | French (Thomas) | 91 | | 5.0 | |
| 93 | 48 | Gent SR | 88 | | 3.2 | 19.6 |
| 113 | 73 | Haggas | 95 | | 3.9 | 14.0 |
| 20½ | 11 | Hartstone | 15½ | -½ | 2.6 | |
| 33 | 21½ | Helene Plc | 23 | -½ | 10.9 | 9.5 |
| 263 | 222 | Hicking Pntcst | 237 | | 2.6 | 18.8 |
| 31 | 22 | Hollas | 24½ | | 3.1 | |
| 91 | 63 | Honeysuckle | 64½ | | 5.8 | 8.1 |
| 98 | 48 | Horace Small | 84 | | 1.5 | |
| 211 | 173 | Jacques Vert | 208 | | 3.2 | 8.5 |
| 73 | 55 | Jerome (S) | 58 | | 1.7 | 7.4 |
| 348 | 268 | Jones Stroud | 338 | | 3.4 | 16.3 |
| 202½ | 135 | Lambert | 136 | | 6.4 | 12.8 |
| 385 | 330 | Lanconf | 333 | | 4.7 | 11.1 |
| 340 | 247 | Leeds | 253 | | 3.1 | 13.1 |
| 98 | 61 | Leslie Wlce Gp | 64 | | 7.8 | 13.5 |
| 101 | 68 | Lyles (S) | 83 | | 5.3 | 8.7 |
| 27 | 18½ | Mandragt | 26 | | 3.2 | |
| 17 | 10 | PEI | 10 | | | |
| 266 | 154 | Parkland | 155 | | 4.0 | 9.2 |
| 173 | 84 | Pentland | 105½ | +½ | 3.4 | 20.9 |
| 75 | 53 | Pittards | 70 | | 3.1 | |
| 112 | 53 | Readicut | 65 | | 8.6 | 10.9 |
| 90 | 64 | Readmore | 65 | | 5.4 | 6.9 |
| 96 | 38 | Ruckorde | 48 | | 5.2 | |
| 70 | 42 | SEET | 56 | | | |
| 180 | 78 | Sherwood Gp | 80 | ... | 4.8 | 9.3 |
| 180 | 137½ | Shiloh | 140 | | 3.1 | 8.5 |
| 146 | 98 | Sirdar | 101 | | 6.7 | 14.6 |
| 64 | 50 | Stirling Gp | 53 | | 4.5 | 14.7 |
| 26 | 17 | Strong & Fisher | 17 | | 7.4 | 11.6 |
| 69 | 38 | UP Safety | 38 | | 8.6 | 9.7 |
| 132 | 105 | Usher (Frank) | 115 | +1 | 7.6 | 3.8 |
| 65 | 34 | Vinst | 65 | | 2.4 | 16.9 |
| 119 | 42 | Wensum | 119 | +3 | 3.0 | 17.3 |
| 289 | 239 | Yorklyde | 255 | +4 | 3.0 | 11.7 |

## TRANSPORT

| 1994/95 High | Low | Company | Price (p) | +/- | Yld % | P/E |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 83 | 58 | Air London | 65 | | 6.7 | 12.4 |
| 777½ | 619½ | AB Nippon Air | 673½ | +2½ | 0.3 | |
| 313½ | 228 | Assoc Br Ports | 277 | +5 | 2.2 | 22.1 |
| 541½ | 440 | BAA | 450 | +5 | 2.6 | 17.2 |
| 138 | 103½ | Badgerline | 131 | | 3.9 | |
| 436½ | 344 | Br Airways | 369¼ | +3 | 3.9 | 10.0 |
| 79 | 27 | Central Tran R | 29 | | | |
| 108 | 75 | Clarkson (H) | 96 | | 2.3 | 24.1 |
| 179 | 140 | Dart | 155 | | 3.1 | 14.9 |
| 992½ | 195 | Eurotunnel Uts | 289 | +4 | | |
| 87 | 50 | Fisher (James) | 50 | | | |
| 508 | 405 | Forth Ports | 451 | +3 | 2.1 | 21.2 |
| 246 | 156 | GRT Bus | 245 | | 1.9 | 19.0 |
| 172 | 113 | Go-Ahead | 168 | | 3.0 | 20.9 |
| 222 | 125 | Goode Durrant | 213 | | 3.7 | 18.6 |
| 155 | 126½ | Intl Steam | 127 | | 4.3 | 9.7 |
| 71 | 39 | Jacobs (JI) | 65 | +1 | 3.2 | |
| 111 | 70 | Lon O'Seas Frts | 75 | | 6.3 | 1.8 |
| 534 | 358 | Mersey Docks | 368 | +2 | 3.3 | 17.4 |
| 291 | 145 | NFC | 159 | -2 | 5.6 | 16.3 |
| 347 | 245 | Nat Express | 312 | | 3.1 | 18.0 |
| 348 | 244 | Ocean Group | 284 | | 6.3 | 14.3 |
| 91 | 56 | Ocean Wilson | 70 | | 5.7 | 10.1 |
| 743 | 557½ | P & O Dfd | 579 | +12 | 6.6 | 17.9 |
| 209 | 153 | P & O 5½% | 171 | -2 | 4.0 | |
| 102 | 84 | Seacon | 92 | | 3.3 | |
| 232 | 158 | Stagecoach | 226 | +3 | 2.4 | 22.5 |
| 131 | 89½ | THT | 92 | -4 | | |
| 916 | 653 | Tibbet & Britn | 655 | -5 | 2.8 | 16.8 |
| 321 | 191 | TDG | 199 | | 6.0 | 13.4 |
| 139 | 98 | Ugland | 114 | | 2.6 | |
| 160 | 75 | Utd Carriers | 95 | | 3.1 | |

## WATER

| 1994/95 High | Low | Company | Price (p) | +/- | Yld % | P/E |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 607 | 442 | Anglian | 469 | -1 | 6.3 | 10.6 |
| 365 | 293 | Mid Kent Hog | 330 | | 4.5 | 11.1 |
| 611 | 454 | North West | 489 | | 6.1 | 7.0 |
| 751 | 408 | Northumbrian | 688 | +3 | 4.7 | 7.4 |
| 645 | 457 | Severn Trent | 492 | +3 | 6.0 | 8.2 |
| 1895 | 1525 | South Staff | 1885 | | 3.6 | 11.4 |
| 675 | 459 | South West | 469 | -2 | 7.0 | 6.9 |
| 682 | 466 | Southern | 521 | -2 | 5.7 | 7.5 |
| 611 | 434½ | Thames | 463 | +1 | 6.3 | 7.0 |
| 744 | 546 | Welsh | 591 | +4 | 5.6 | 6.5 |
| 379¼ | 261 | Wessex | 270 | -3 | 5.6 | 7.1 |
| 630 | 458 | Yorkshire | 478 | +½ | 6.1 | 7.0 |

Source: Finstat

● USM. # Price at suspension. † Ex dividend. ‡ Ex scrip. ▲ Ex rights issue. ▼ Ex all. § Ex capital distribution. * Figures or report awaited. ... No significant data. Companies in bold are constituents of the FTSE 100 index.

## BRITISH FUNDS

| 1994/95 High | Low | Stock | Price £ | +/- | Int yld % | Grs red yld |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **SHORTS (under 5 years)** | | | | | | |
| 100¾ | 97¼ | Gas 3% 1990-95 | 99⅞ | +⅛ | 3.02 | 6.16 |
| 107½ | 101½ | Exch 10¼% 1995 | 101½ | | 10.08 | 6.77 |
| 113¼ | 104⅝ | Treas 12¾% 1995 | 104⅝ | -¼ | 12.21 | 6.85 |
| 117⅝ | 106⅞ | Treas 14% 1996 | 106⅞ | -¼ | 13.16 | 7.08 |
| 121⅝ | 109¼ | Treas 15¼% 1996 | 109¼ | | 13.96 | 7.35 |
| 117⅞ | 106⅜ | Exch 13¼% 1996 | 106⅜ | | 12.39 | 7.49 |
| 112⅞ | 103⅝ | Conv 10% 1996 | 103⅝ | +⅛ | 9.66 | 7.80 |
| 100¼ | 96¼ | Treas 7% 1997 | 97⅞ | | 7.16 | 8.03 |
| 127⅞ | 109¼ | Treas 13¼% 1997 | 109⅞ | +⅛ | 12.10 | 7.92 |
| 119⅝ | 104⅝ | Exch 10½% 1997 | 104⅞ | +⅛ | 10.03 | 7.98 |
| 110⅞ | 100⅜ | Treas 8¾% 1997 | 101⅛ | +⅛ | 8.64 | 8.17 |
| 131⅝ | 115⅞ | Exch 15% 1997 | 116⅛ | | 12.92 | 8.29 |
| 114⅝ | 102⅝ | Exch 9¾% 1998 | 103⅝ | +⅛ | 9.41 | 8.35 |
| 106⅞ | 95⅞ | Treas 7¼% 1998 | 96⅞ | +⅛ | 7.48 | 8.37 |
| 102 | 93⅝ | Treas 6¾% 1995-98 | 95⅝ | +⅛ | 7.08 | 8.39 |
| 131⅛ | 114⅝ | Treas 14% 1998-01 | 115½ | +⅛ | 12.12 | 8.51 |
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Private health operators are hoping for an upturn, but competition from the NHS pay sector is cutting in on their market

# Managed care — the perfect cure?

**Jeremy Laurance** on the health of the industry since the heady 1980s

The short life and sudden death of Britain's largest private hospital showed just how badly private health operators could get the market wrong.

The failure of the Clydebank Hospital, outside Glasgow, was one of the most spectacular commercial miscalculations of 1994. Opened in June, the luxury institution, built with £15 million of taxpayer's money, was in difficulties by September and called in the receivers in November. With 240 beds it was reported never to have had more than 20 patients at any one time.

The embarrassing episode demonstrates how hard it is to predict the twists and turns of the private health market. For the past four years it has been going nowhere. The public remains loyal to the National Health Service, despite regular scares about declining standards. The private health care market has stayed firmly in the doldrums into which it was plunged in 1990.

Hopes that 1994 would bring a resumption of the growth in subscribers last seen in the 1980s were dashed. For the fourth year running, the total number of subscribers is expected to remain at about 3.3 million.

But if times are hard for the insurers, times are good for the insured, or those contemplating taking out insurance. A plethora of deals are on offer as the companies compete for a slice of a static market.

Growth in the private hospital sector has slowed to 3-4 per cent in real terms over the past two years, compared with the double digit growth rates of the 1980s. The plateauing of numbers covered by private insurance and the fall in patients paying for themselves, especially those from abroad, has hit business — as the ill-fated Clydebank Hospital found.

One fillip for private hospitals in 1994 was a renewed upward trend in claims — more operations performed for the same number of policyholders. However, a bonus for the hospitals puts the insurers' margins under pressure.

William Laing, of Laing and Buisson, the private health consultants, says 1995 could herald the start of a new period of growth. Insurers are investigating new low-cost schemes that could re-invigorate the market.

There is growing interest in "managed care", in which insurers limit claims by giving subscribers a restricted choice. In most cases, this means subscribers choose from a list of preferred hospitals for their treatment which excludes the most expensive. It may also mean obtaining approval in advance for treatment from the insurer so that other options can be considered.

However, one company, Foundation Health, is planning to extend the principle to a list of approved specialists from whom patients must seek treatment. These specialists will agree in advance to follow certain protocols for specific conditions in order to ensure best treatment and avoid unnecessary costs.

The principle of using protocols to guide care is well established in America where private insurance is the norm and the pressure to cut costs intense. In Britain, however, private health care is a luxury market in which unfettered choice is a key selling point.

A similar but less draconian initiative has come from Bupa which has begun sending consultants details comparing their private treatment costs with those of their colleagues. Claims for hip replacements, for example, range from £3,800 to £9,400 and stays in hospital from five to more than 20 days. In one private hospital five private surgeons doing hip replacements had average lengths of stay ranging from eight to 16 days.

Bupa plans to issue guidelines to consultants on best practice in 60 of the commonest conditions. But they will be guidelines, not orders.

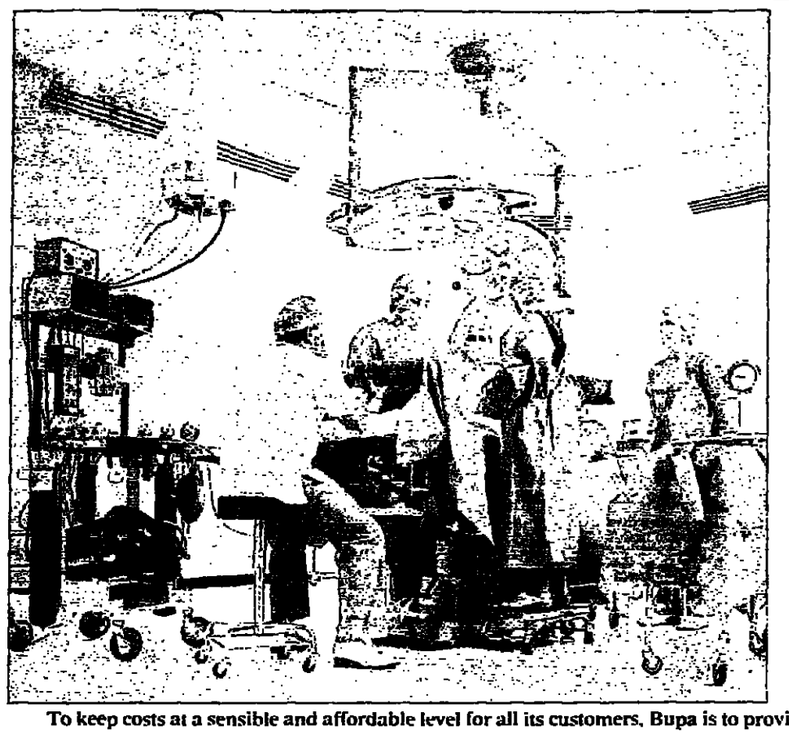
"It is an educational tool. They are not hammering people with it yet, but they have the potential to." Mr Laing says. "All these companies are developing the potential to use managed care if and when the market is ready for it. But it is not ready yet because it is a luxury market."

For private hospitals, a new source of competition has emerged in the shape of NHS pay beds. Long ignored as of little significance, the NHS reforms and the independence that has come with trust status has given NHS hospitals a fresh incentive to compete for a slice of the private market.

Their success is plain from the sharp rise in the NHS's market share over the past couple of years. The total earned by the NHS from private work rose by 25 per cent in 1992-93 compared with 2 per cent growth for independent private hospitals. In 1993, the NHS earned £170 million from private work, 15 per cent of the market.

Some analysts believe the NHS's private income could rise to £400 million in two years' time, creating problems for Labour which is committed to phasing out NHS pay beds. If it were to do so, it would lose the surplus and trigger a boom in the independent private sector.

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Why patients are moving away from National Health Service dentists

# The root of the matter

Private dental care is no longer a luxury just the rich can afford. According to the Department of Health, more than 1 million people have deregistered from their National Health Service dentist since 1992.

The reason for this mass exodus from the NHS is the Government's health reforms, which have effectively cut NHS dentists' pay by 7 per cent.

Since 1990, the Department of Health has managed to cut its dentistry costs from £1.5 billion to £1.2 billion. And, since 1992, 404 dentists have given notice to remove their names from the Family Health Service Association because they are dissatisfied with the NHS.

There are two key issues driving people away from the NHS. The first is the amount of time NHS dentists can afford to spend with each patient. The second, the quality and standard of the materials dentists can afford to use if they stay within the NHS.

Since the Government scythed 7 per cent off NHS dentists' fees, dentists have been under increasing pressure to squeeze in as many patients as possible. "Some are even seeing as many as 60 people a day," Meredyth Bell, a general practitioner from Cumbria, says. She sees an average of 30 patients a day.

Like many others, she has opted out of the NHS, although members of her practice still see NHS patients. "I advised my patients that I was planning to see them only privately, and gave them the option either to stay with me or to start seeing one of my colleagues. Sixty per cent of them stayed with me. Of that 60 per cent a further 60 per cent have taken out dentistry healthcare plans: the remaining 40 per cent pay as they go."

Mrs Bell charges £15 for a check-up and warns anyone thinking of taking out an insurance scheme to make sure that the rate charged by their dentist will be met by the policy.

Nicholas Kieft, a former NHS patient from Marlow in Buckinghamshire, switched to a private dentist three years ago. Fears of receiving substandard care drove him and his family to opt out of the NHS. He said his dentist had told him that if he stayed on as an NHS patient the quality of his dental treatment would suffer. Mr Kieft is glad he made the switch and believes the quality of care he, his wife and three-year-old son receive is far better than under the NHS.

He says his policy has more than paid for itself already. He pays £21 a month for a Norwich Union policy and looks at his premium payments as a way to spread the cost.

In comparison with Mrs Bell, however, the Harley Street practitioner Stuart Jacobs only sees about eight patients a day. He opted out of the NHS in 1981 because he was frustrated by the standards. "I could not do the quality of work I wanted to," he says. "When I was in the NHS I did three fillings in 20 minutes — today they do five. Now I take 45 minutes just to do one."

He is sceptical about dental healthcare plans, claiming that the premiums will have to be very high to meet a lifetime's dental care. But at the end of the day it can cut the overall costs, he says.

There are now a number of insurance companies offering dental health care cover. The first to enter the market was Denplan. It has since been taken over by PPP.

Last year, Denplan commissioned a survey in response to the Government's Green Paper on dental reforms. Five hundred dentists were asked for their views. It found that three out of four dentists would be more likely to opt out of the NHS now, and that 85 per cent are unlikely to take on new NHS patients.

And in line with the Department of Health's statistics showing that there has been a mass exodus of patients from the NHS, Denplan's survey predicts that only 30 per cent of the British population will be treated under the NHS by the end of the decade. Denplan also found that dentists fear the quality of their work will suffer under the NHS.

Mr Kieft's insurer, Norwich Union, adopts the same approach to insurance as Denplan. Both of them focus on preventive care and encourage patients to go for regular check-ups. "At the end of the day, it is up to the patient to get his or her money's worth," says Tim Baker, Norwich Union's commercial director.

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# Ready, steady and get fit

## Many companies would prefer their employees to exercise. **John Stansell** on the benefits of keeping healthy

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Fit people have much more energy and work harder and longer than couch potatoes

Credit Suisse-First Boston has sponsored LivingWell Health and Leisure to build a multimillion-pound health club in its Canary Wharf headquarters. This should help its employees to become and remain fit. Warburgs has a corporate membership for 800 of its staff at Cottons, a health club near London Bridge. Each employee is fitness-tested when he or she joins, and is then given a regular programme of activities ranging from working out in the gym, swimming and aerobics to using saunas and spas.

Many large corporations — BT, Pirelli and Mobil, to name a few — have their own health units within the sports and social clubs they have provided for their staff. A look through *Yellow Pages* will reveal several pages of organisations, ranging from schools and sports centres to private companies, selling fitness as a commodity.

It is impossible to know precisely how big this business is. It is unregulated and its trade body, the Fitness Industry Association (FIA), does not have comprehensive membership, although it does claim to be the only body which sets standards for the industry. Stuart Duff, LivingWell's European projects manager, says health and fitness clubs are "a growing phenomenon in Britain, following America, both in their operation and the services they offer. Their existence is concurrent with an increasing public awareness of health and lifestyle issues, and with the Government's exhortations to a largely sedentary British population to become more active and to adopt healthier lifestyles".

Government has another role in this business, through the Physical Activity Project within the Health Education Authority. It set up a task force of academics and other experts a year ago and their initial findings and recommendations will be issued soon in a consultative document. Nick Cavill, the project manager, expects that it will formulate a strategy to improve the nation's general level of health, and will refocus attention on the importance of regular, but non-intensive, exercise such as using stairs instead of lifts, cycling and brisk walks as the minimum needed to keep fit.

Why should companies be prepared to spend large amounts, sometimes in the millions, on fitness?

The answer is simply that they believe it helps to improve the output of their employees in two ways. The first, and most measurable, is that it cuts days lost due to sickness. Overall, it is estimated that people taking sick leave costs British industry £13 billion a year. In America, Canada Life Assurance estimates that its health and fitness programme cut its illness-related absenteeism by 42 per cent.

The second view is that people who are bodily fit have more energy, make better decisions, and work harder and longer than the couch potatoes in their organisations. Evidence from the workplace to back this assertion is hard to find, because it is difficult to measure. But a research programme by America's National Aeronautics and Space Administration (Nasa), shows that while an average worker's efficiency can plummet by 50 per cent in the final two hours of a day, people who work out within a regular programme show no such drop off. It also says that the latter group also scores higher in tests to measure decision-making capabilities.

The belief that fitness pays persuades firms to spend money or time, or both, on the physical well-being of their key workers.

The incentive is not directly financial. Whereas in America, evidence of regular fitness workouts will convince insurance firms to cut premiums on life cover, the insurance industry in Britain has not yet taken steps in this direction.

Bob Paton, director of the FIA, says that his organisation is working to convince insurance companies that their risk is sufficiently reduced by fitness training to justify reductions in premiums.

## Whoever is in power, between now and 2010 the NHS will be increasingly strapped for cash

# What will happen if Labour is elected?

Peter Jacobs, Bupa's chief executive, claims not to be losing sleep over the prospect of Labour winning the next election. He insists that the private sector will grow whichever government is in power.

Not surprisingly, it is a view that Margaret Beckett, Labour's Shadow Health Secretary, cannot share. Although Labour's health policy is still in the melting pot, she said certain policies such as abolishing the tax relief given on the private health insurance premiums paid by retired people were already firmly established. Other "firm" policies included scrapping such key NHS reforms as fundholding, trust status and the internal market. Labour would also order an investigation to find out whether the NHS was subsidising private medicine.

Mrs Beckett said the number of private operations carried out each year in NHS hospitals had shot up to nearly 100,000 and the number of private outpatient appointments had topped 142,000.

"Under the Conservatives, the pursuit of privatisation within the NHS is undermining a great public service and replacing an expectation of fair treatment with the reality of queue jumping. NHS patients are entitled to, and should receive, the priority and quality treatment they deserve."



Change: Margaret Beckett

Mrs Beckett said: "What has happened to the health service is an absolute tragedy. I don't think people could believe in their heart of hearts that any government would privatise the health service, but that, in effect, is what has happened."

Why, in the face of this view are Mr Jacobs and Peter Cavers, Norwich Union's Healthcare managing director, so relaxed? Mr Jacobs's argument is that the private sector is bound to grow whatever the government, because the NHS will never have enough money to cope with the public's expectations of health care and high-technology medicine and the increasingly ageing population.

"Whatever government is in power between now and 2010, the more strapped for cash the NHS is going to get. The more, therefore, they will depend on other forms of funding," he said.

New money-raising schemes — such as paying to see a GP — would also almost certainly be introduced for people who could afford to pay more towards their health costs on top of what they already pay in taxes.

Mr Cavers agreed that no government would be able to pay the total cost of healthcare and that patients would have to dip into their own pockets. He urged the Tories to boost the private sector by changing the rules so that NHS family doctors have the same freedom to treat patients privately as hospital consultants.

Mr Jacobs said the danger at the moment was that Tory and Labour health policies looked so similar. "I don't think Labour would do anything irresponsible like trying to reverse the current reforms. They may do something about GP fundholding, but I don't think they will remove it. They will probably stop (further) development of pay beds in the NHS but they won't want to lose the income that is generated by them."

As for the row over the amount of time spent by NHS consultants treating private patients, Mr Jacobs said: "We do not encourage, and we do not wish consultants to break the terms of their contract with the NHS."

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**Richard Woodman** reports on options available to those looking at care in the long term

# Plan for the good old days

Sans teeth, sans eyes, sans taste and now sans money! That is the worrying prospect facing thousands of people as local councils run out of funds for nursing homes.

Under the 1990 NHS and Community Care Act, implemented in 1993, local authorities became the main budget-holders for state-funded long-term care. Although the new system is designed to ease the burden on public money, several authorities have complained that they are running out of funds. Surrey County Council even sent a begging letter to 135 private homes earlier this month asking them to take elderly and disabled people without payment until the council's coffers are replenished in April.

The Surrey case is disturbing enough, but the real nightmare will come when the postwar baby-boomers become old and frail. The number of people over 85 is set to rise from 897,000 in 1991 to 1,202,000 in 2001, and 3,105,000 in 3051. More than 20 per cent will have Alzheimer's disease and other forms of dementia. Many will be living alone without a partner to look after them.

To keep pace, the number of beds in homes and hospitals has to increase from 546,000 to 623,000 by 2000, and double to 1,290,000 by 3051. Yet the NHS is actually closing long-stay beds — pushing even more of the burden on to local councils and the private sector.

In financial terms, the projections suggest that the proportion of the nation's wealth spent on long-term care of elderly people must rise from 1.5 per cent to 3.5 per cent over the next 60 years just to maintain present standards. "It is fairly obvious that the Government is not going to be able to cope," says Anthea Burdess, managing director of the Woking-based Country House nursing homes group which looks after 1,200 people in 30 centres.



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"The demographic trends show such enormous growth in the over-85s, it is a little risky to expect the State to look after you. Even if you are looked after by the State, the choice will be limited and the standards of care are necessarily going to be basic."

The need to plan before you or your ageing parents need help is underlined by Liz Harris, head of marketing at Westminster Health Care, which cares for 4,500 people in 69 homes. "Social services departments are obliged to make sure that older people whose funds have run out are taken care of. Having said that, we would advise anyone in middle age to start thinking now," she says.

You can choose to live in any nursing or residential home — but it is not cheap. Nursing home fees average £331 a week, which is beyond the means of most people. If you need help to pay, you should ask your local social services to assess your needs.

The council is responsible for paying the fees, but will collect from you as much as you can afford to pay. In practice, that means you will be expected to pay the full fee until your capital — including savings and your house if your partner no longer lives there — is reduced to £8,000. If the home costs more than the sum the council would normally pay for someone with your needs, you will have to pay the balance. Critics say the system not only entails the indignity of means-testing, it penalises the thrifty and rewards people who have never bothered to save.

Penny O'Nions, health investment adviser at De Havilland Financial Management, north London, says people should consider the extra protection offered by insurance schemes launched in 1991, even though the policies are relatively expensive and commissions range from nine to 33 per cent.

There are two main types of scheme: prefunded plans which you pay for in advance not knowing whether you will need to claim; and annuity plans which are paid out of capital if you need immediate care.

"Realistic cover costs about £50 a month for a healthy 60 to 65-year-old or you can put in a lump sum ranging from £3,000 to as much as £150,000," Dr O'Nions says. "It is worthwhile being covered because the money you get from a pension is very unlikely to be sufficient to cover nursing home fees. If you invest in gilts, you can easily get the timing wrong, and with unit trusts there is the risk of low growth. So a small element of insurance is going to be essential."

She warns people to watch out for "financial sharks" who, having been banned from selling personal pensions, were now trying to exploit the fears of old and vulnerable people.

"These salesmen use frightening tactics to sell these high commission products. They don't even have to have any knowledge. A campaign is badly needed to ensure this area is properly regulated."

# How to make a choice

## With so many medical insurance schemes to choose from, there is a lot of homework to be done

Despite the Government's protestations that it has poured money into the National Health Service since it came to power in 1979, health professionals say the situation has never been worse.

The British Medical Association (BMA) believes the NHS is facing the worst crisis in 30 years. The College of Health suggests that the shortage of hospital beds in London is one of the worst in Europe — one to every 336 people who live in the capital, while in the UK in general it is one to 147. It also calculates that there are 1 million people on waiting lists for surgery.

It is hardly surprising then that such statistics, coupled with the Government's aim of encouraging people to reduce their dependence on the State, have led to a big increase in the number of insurers offering private medical cover. To date, about 11 per cent of the population are members of medical insurance schemes. Laing and Buisson, independent analysts, say this figure will rise to more than 15 per cent by the end of the century. In addition, recent changes in legislation have also inspired finance companies to offer loans to pay for treatments.

But do private health insurance or loans fill the gap for those who can afford to pay for them? It must be remembered that premiums or repayments are in addition to national insurance contributions. The answer is that private medicine is an important alternative to the NHS, valued by some as a business perk and by others as a means of ensuring that they can be treated for chronic conditions or have cosmetic surgery at their convenience rather than relying on the hard-pressed state sector.

How to choose the best option is difficult. The oldest of the private medical firms is Bupa (which stood for the British United Provident Association, from which it grew when it amalgamated 27 provident associations in 1947).

It not only provides insurance, but also health screening and its own hospitals. It is the biggest, the current market leader with nearly 3 million members, 45 per cent of the market, and is, on balance, among the most expensive. About 64 per cent of its customers are employees of corporations which pay the bills. You can rely on Bupa, but there many cheaper and more flexible options.

For example, leader of the new boys is Norwich Union Healthcare, which began medical insurance in 1990. In the past 4½ years it has attracted about 530,000 customers, many of whom have left the bigger or older firms. Its customers are primarily individuals or employees of small firms. David Cavers, its managing director, says it works in the way medicine is practised today, offering patients several options: to be treated by GPs, trust hospitals in either lower cost NHS beds or their private units, or in independent hospitals.

He also says that its policies have taken more account of the increase in "day-case surgery" that advances in medicine are making possible. Mr Cavers says that Norwich Union's youth gives it an innovative edge. "Companies like Bupa, PPP (Private Patients Plan) and WPA (Western Provident Association) have their feet in a previous decade. Even with our low cost scheme, we pick up all the inpatient and daycase costs (although outpatient charges are down to the customer), we operate by postcode rather than hospital band system, and we don't put limits on the patient's cover."

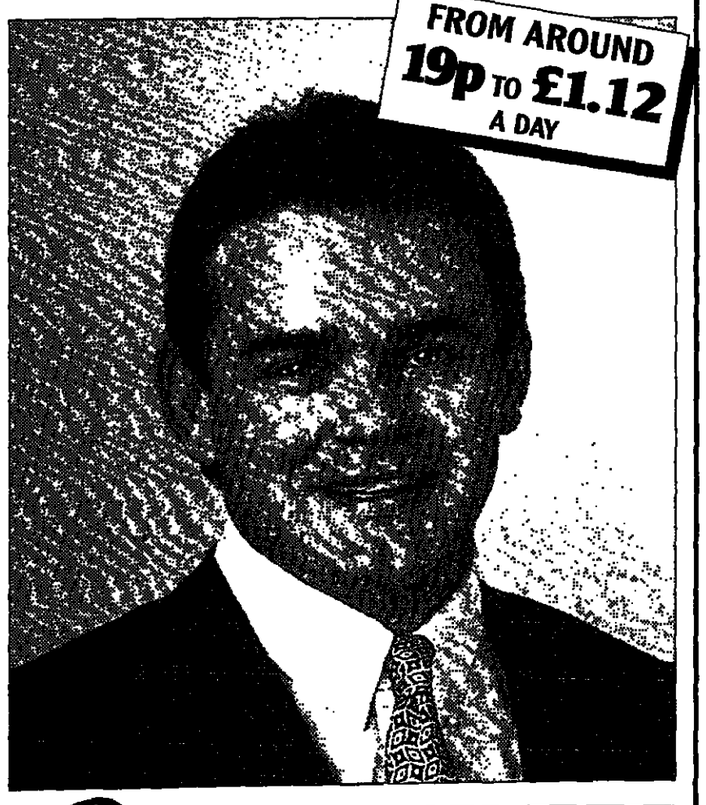
Bupa's response to Mr Cavers's comments is that it keeps its services up to date according to what its members want (it introduced dental, travel and long-term disability cover and upgraded all its products last September).

The message for the putative private patient is that the range, scale and costs of medical treatment vary so much and are changing so fast that it would be unwise to give firm advice on the best option. There are agencies that act as independent intermediaries — one is Health Care Matters in Chislehurst — but, as with any other form of financial transaction, customers must do their own research and make up their own minds.

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| North America | 252.10 | 268.20 | + 2.50 | .. |
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| Europe | 257.20 | 273.70 | + 2.20 | 1.00 |
| Bal Except | 68.15 | 72.51 | + 0.30 | 3.21 |
| Bal Financial Acc | 97.19 | 103.40 | + 0.40 | 4.87 |
| Bal Financial Inc | 71.29 | 75.84 | + 0.30 | 4.87 |
| Global Opps | 79.36 | 84.43 | + 0.77 | 0.46 |
| Balanced Acc | 51.52 | 54.81 | + 0.37 | 3.10 |
| Balanced Inc | 50.26 | 53.47 | + 0.36 | 3.10 |

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| High Inc Equity | 150.90 | 161.40† | + 0.50 | 4.88 |
| Worldwide Bond | 257.10 | 272.60† | - 2.20 | 5.58 |
| Capital Growth | | | | |
| American Growth | 257.10 | 286.10† | + 4.00 | .84 |
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| Assets & Earnings | 241.70 | 257.10 | + 0.20 | 3.03 |
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| Mastercard | 131.00 | 140.10 | + 0.80 | 1.78 |
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| Cash | 50.34 | 50.34 | .. | 4.47 |
| European | 106.20 | 110.90† | + 0.70 | .. |
| Exempt | 332.80 | 510.02† | + 0.10 | .. |
| Extra Income # | 46.71 | 49.13 | + 0.14 | 6.14 |
| Far East Emg Eco | 101.90 | 108.10 | + 0.60 | 0.56 |
| Fixed Interest # | 22.51 | 23.62 | + 0.03 | 8.76 |
| Fund Inv Tst | 164.40 | 173.00 | - 0.10 | 0.97 |
| Japan | 166.70 | 174.40 | - 0.80 | .. |
| Latin American | 50.92 | 53.44 | + 3.23 | 0.91 |
| Pacific | 64.42 | 67.79 | | 0.39 |
| Property Shares | 58.77 | 62.74† | + 0.07 | 2.18 |
| UK Emerging Cos | 60.18 | 63.17† | + 0.31 | 1.06 |
| UK Growth | 41.80 | 44.30 | + 0.40 | 2.64 |
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| Ethical | 59.22 | 62.17 | + 0.68 | 2.83 |
| Aberdeen Gilt Inc # | 48.99 | 48.99 | - 0.05 | 7.66 |

### AEGON UNIT TRUSTS LTD
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| British Growth | 65.74 | 69.93† | + 0.13 | 2.72 |
| British Income | 78.13 | 83.09† | + 0.09 | 3.44 |
| Select Portfolio | 79.45 | 84.52† | - 0.30 | .. |

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| Balanced Trusts | | | | |
| Growth & Income | 215.10 | 229.90 | + 2.00 | 3.39 |
| Capital | 377.70 | 403.70 | + 3.30 | 2.05 |
| Balanced | 630.90 | 674.40† | + 5.90 | 2.56 |
| Accumulator | 511.57 | 512.47 | + 11.00 | 3.25 |
| Income Trusts | | | | |
| American Income | 45.90 | 49.06† | + 0.39 | 3.63 |
| High Income | 365.00 | 390.10 | + 2.70 | 3.96 |
| Equity Income | 205.30 | 219.70† | + 1.80 | 3.87 |
| High Yield | 321.62 | 336.80 | + 1.80 | 4.54 |
| Govt Securities | 32.58 | 34.40† | + 0.05 | 6.16 |
| International Trusts | | | | |
| Asset Spec Sits | 136.40 | 145.80 | + 0.80 | 0.48 |
| European Growth | 32.53 | 34.68 | + 0.24 | 0.01 |
| Investment | 147.70 | 157.80† | + 0.60 | 0.21 |
| Japan | 194.30 | 208.50† | - 1.20 | 0.01 |
| Pacific | 345.20 | 369.00† | + 0.80 | 0.01 |
| Socs of America | 398.10 | 423.60† | + 3.30 | 0.55 |
| Wrldwd Asset Val | 44.38 | 47.44 | + 0.22 | 0.25 |
| Specialist Trusts | | | | |
| Asset Value | 482.30 | 515.50† | + 4.40 | 2.48 |
| Dsrv & Gilt | 40.19 | 42.96† | + 0.30 | 5.40 |
| Smaller Cos | 168.10 | 178.80† | + 0.10 | 1.51 |
| 2nd Smaller Cos | 151.80 | 162.20 | + 0.10 | 1.50 |
| Recovery | 125.70 | 134.30 | + 0.90 | 1.95 |
| Mel Min & Cdty | 135.30 | 144.50 | + 0.40 | 0.62 |
| Gross Earnings | 321.30 | 343.40† | + 3.20 | 1.96 |
| Technology | 151.10 | 161.50 | + 1.00 | 0.01 |
| Uk Special Sits | 416.30 | 445.00 | + 2.30 | 1.95 |

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| Cnsrvtv Gilt Fnd | 93.45 | 97.89 | - 1.40 | 3.04 |
| Foundtn Pens Plans | 58.51 | 60.78 | - 0.97 | 2.39 |

### BGI-THORNHILL UNIT TST MGRS LTD
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| Capital | 66.80 | 71.05† | + 0.85 | 1.97 |
| International | 60.19 | 64.03† | + 1.41 | |

### BAILLIE GIFFORD & CO LTD
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| America | 260.60 | 281.30 | + 1.80 | .. |
| Bond | 108.60 | 114.40† | + 0.80 | 7.27 |
| Brit Smlr Cos | 92.66 | 98.57† | + 0.13 | 1.50 |
| Conv & Gtd # | 81.96 | 85.94† | + 0.04 | 5.65 |
| Europe | 308.10 | 321.70 | + 1.40 | 0.62 |
| Emrg Smlr Cos | 94.66 | 100.80 | - 0.10 | 0.81 |
| Income Distr | 325.30 | 350.30† | - 0.10 | 4.51 |
| Japan | 288.70 | 307.70 | - 0.13 | .. |
| Latin American | 67.62 | 71.30 | + 4.43 | .. |
| Pacific | 92.16 | 98.04 | + 0.93 | 0.82 |
| Uk Smlr Cos | 39.29 | 53.49† | - 0.39 | 1.42 |
| Japan Fd | 667.10 | 681.40† | - 2.30 | .. |
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| Bnk & Gnrsl | 281.80 | 295.60 | | 1.33 |
| Capital Gwth | 103.90 | 109.40 | | 2.45 |
| Worldw Opps | 166.30 | 175.10 | | 0.45 |

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| Balanced Trusts | | | | |
| Bst Ibr Pd Inc | 319.80 | 333.20 | + 1.30 | 3.12 |
| European Bd Inc | 88.46 | 89.49† | - 0.01 | 7.99 |
| Exempt | 69.04 | 73.85 | + 0.07 | 4.47 |
| Financial | 68.09 | 72.83 | + 0.30 | 2.98 |
| 500.0 | 419.70 | 446.90 | - 0.90 | 2.63 |
| General | 254.80 | 272.50 | + 0.50 | 2.84 |
| Property | 246.60 | 263.60 | | 6.31 |
| Trustee | 169.10 | 179.80† | - 0.40 | 2.60 |
| Income Trusts | | | | |
| Cash Inc | 100.30 | 100.30† | .. | 5.16 |
| Extra Income | 110.40 | 116.10 | + 0.20 | 4.33 |
| Gilt & Fxd Int | 58.13 | 58.01 | + 0.04 | 8.89 |
| Income | 490.90 | 514.30† | - 0.50 | 4.36 |
| Income Builder | 59.70 | 63.51 | + 0.07 | 4.95 |
| Int Income | 58.12 | 61.83† | + 0.24 | 3.86 |
| Growth Trusts - UK | | | | |
| Capital | 109.90 | 117.30 | + 0.40 | 2.58 |
| Leisure | 114.40 | 122.40 | | 1.71 |
| Recovery | 381.20 | 407.70 | + 1.30 | 2.97 |
| Smlr Cos Inc | 41.69 | 44.71 | - 0.05 | 2.05 |
| Special Sits | 261.30 | 279.40 | + 0.60 | 1.73 |
| Growth Trusts - Overseas | | | | |
| America | 118.00 | 125.20 | + 1.40 | 0.75 |
| Asst Acc | 226.20 | 240.60 | + 2.60 | 2.28 |
| Asst Inc | 139.10 | 148.00 | + 1.70 | 2.28 |
| Euro Gwth Inc | 140.60 | 149.20 | - 0.20 | 0.76 |
| (Accum Units) | 150.80 | 159.70 | - 0.20 | 0.78 |
| Japan & Gen Inc | 162.10 | 172.70 | - 0.80 | .. |
| (Accum Units) | 165.00 | 174.70 | - 0.80 | .. |
| Japan Spec Sits | 74.67 | 79.10 | - 0.44 | .. |
| Univ Tech Inc | 72.91 | 77.49 | + 0.35 | 0.05 |
| Worldwide | 154.80 | 164.40† | + 0.40 | 0.89 |

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| American Growth | 87.83 | 93.29 | + 1.37 | .. |
| Amer Smlr Cos | 121.70 | 130.50 | + 1.90 | .. |
| Convertibles | 52.99 | 56.66† | - 0.08 | 5.70 |
| Eastern | 255.20 | 247.90 | + 2.60 | 0.10 |
| Equity Income | 82.96 | 88.27† | + 0.41 | 4.90 |
| European Growth | 278.80 | 296.50 | + 1.40 | 0.80 |
| Europe | 205.40 | 218.30 | + 0.70 | 0.50 |
| German Growth | 70.08 | 74.36 | + 0.65 | 0.50 |
| Global Bond | 60.12 | 63.31† | + 0.15 | 6.29 |
| Global Growth | 115.30 | 122.90 | + 0.90 | .. |
| Japan Growth | 105.30 | 268.20 | - 1.00 | .. |
| Japan Smlr Cos | 169.40 | 176.20 | - 0.40 | .. |
| Japan Select | 72.08 | 79.71 | + 0.77 | .. |
| Pacific Growth | 121.40 | 130.00 | + 0.80 | 1.80 |
| (Accum Units) | 221.50 | 237.10 | + 1.30 | 1.80 |
| UK Growth | 78.59 | 83.60 | + 0.42 | 1.40 |
| Uk Smaller Cos | 80.88 | 86.20 | + 0.13 | 1.80 |
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| Smaller Cos | 94.95 | 100.47 | - 3.03 | 1.36 |
| Higher Yield # | 41.53 | 43.95† | + 0.12 | 4.69 |
| American Gth Inc | 67.21 | 71.75† | + 0.61 | .. |
| European Growth | 131.12 | 138.75 | + 0.63 | .. |
| (Accum Units) | 133.70 | 141.48 | + 0.64 | .. |
| Global Bond Inc # | 25.94 | 26.68 | + 0.07 | 7.63 |
| Mngd Pnsn Inc | 39.64 | 41.38 | - 0.03 | 7.60 |
| (Accum Units) | 39.60 | 41.86 | - 0.03 | 7.60 |
| Int Spec Opps | 104.24 | 110.30 | + 0.15 | .. |
| Pacific Gth | 111.95 | 118.47 | + 0.57 | .. |
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| UK General # | 69.97 | 73.09† | - 0.75 | 3.73 |
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| Sterling Cos (4-11 | 28.52 | 31.41 | | 2.08 |
| Growth | 392.20 | 417.20 | + 1.70 | 2.65 |
| Income & Growth | 372.50 | 396.30† | + 2.60 | 4.26 |
| (Accum Units) | 531.50 | 565.50 | + 4.10 | 4.26 |
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| Intl Growth | 109.05 | 119.11 | | |
| UK Income | 99.40 | 107.50 | .. | 5.58 |

### CITY FINANCIAL UT MGRS LTD
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| Dealeruse Intl | 73.67 | 78.07 | + 2.23 | 1.55 |
| Black Bio-Tech | 24.30 | 25.97† | | 0.73 |
| Asian Ethical Tst | 145.18 | 152.65† | .. | 0.73 |
| City Fin Assets | 63.25 | 67.29 | .. | 1.34 |
| City Fin America | 61.17 | 65.44 | + 1.47 | .. |
| City Fin Intl | 68.07 | 72.71 | - 0.41 | 1.10 |
| City Fin Japan | 100.50 | 108.11† | - 1.03 | .. |
| Friars Hse Cap | 252.65 | 272.69† | | 1.80 |
| Friars Hse Inc | 161.64 | 169.23 | | 4.27 |
| Buckley Wrld Gth | 113.58 | 120.74 | - 0.80 | 0.19 |
| Fairmet Cap Gth | 127.26 | 135.38 | | .. |
| Fairmount Intl | 138.36 | 147.21 | | |
| City Fin Pnlty Inc | 50.49 | 53.71† | | 4.48 |

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| Emerging Markets | 50.70 | 53.79 | + 1.21 | |

### CLERICAL MEDICAL UT MGRS LTD
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| American Gwth | 52.58 | 56.23 | + 0.57 | .. |
| Attic Mngd Gwth | 33.77 | 36.12 | + 0.23 | 0.49 |
| Dragon Growth | 58.49 | 63.63 | + 0.73 | 0.56 |
| Equity High Inc | 76.98 | 81.89 | + 0.43 | 4.27 |
| (Accum Units) | 103.50 | 110.11 | + 0.57 | 4.27 |
| European Gwth | 47.73 | 50.78 | + 0.43 | 0.89 |
| Evergreen | 39.63 | 38.70 | + 0.18 | .. |
| General Equity | 78.14 | 82.91 | + 0.74 | 2.75 |
| Gilt & Fxd Int Inc | 23.66 | 25.10† | + 0.05 | 8.34 |
| Japan Growth | 46.06 | 52.47 | - 0.16 | .. |
| Pedigree Gwth | 47.18 | 50.19 | + 0.38 | 2.78 |
| Pref Snr Cos Inc | 29.52 | 30.45 | + 0.05 | 1.30 |
| (Accum Units) | 29.74 | 31.64 | + 0.05 | 1.30 |
| Retirement Inc # | 24.17 | 25.71 | + 0.03 | 6.24 |
| Special Sits | 35.44 | 37.70 | + 0.06 | 2.10 |
| Uk & Overseas | 44.45 | 47.29 | + 0.29 | 1.50 |

### COLONIAL MUTUAL UT MGRS LTD
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| Capital | 92.22 | 96.94 | + 0.71 | 2.39 |
| Income | 56.19 | 60.09 | - 0.45 | 4.39 |

### COMMERCIAL UNION FINANCIAL MGMT INTL LTD
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| PRESTIGE PORTFOLIO (PPT FUNDS) | | | | |
| Income Funds | | | | |
| Equity Inc | 146.87 | 156.24 | + 1.26 | 5.74 |
| Fixed & Convertible | 38.25 | 40.69† | - 0.27 | 7.55 |
| Monthly Fxd Plus | 47.07 | 50.07† | + 0.11 | 7.95 |
| Preference Share | 45.98 | 48.91† | + 0.09 | 7.56 |
| Balanced Funds | | | | |
| High Yield | 114.77 | 122.10† | + 0.88 | 7.83 |
| Managed Fund | 63.21 | 67.24 | + 0.44 | 3.14 |
| Uk Growth Funds | | | | |
| Smaller Cos | 36.49 | 38.82 | | 1.75 |
| (Accnr Units) | 41.75 | 44.41 | | 1.75 |
| Uk & General | 72.35 | 76.97 | + 0.74 | 2.88 |
| (Accum Units) | 90.24 | 95.34 | + 0.93 | 2.88 |
| UK Growth | 130.84 | 138.34 | + 1.11 | 2.46 |
| International Growth Funds | | | | |
| Europe Growth | 180.32 | 191.84 | + 1.73 | 0.26 |
| Far Eastern Gth | 115.76 | 122.62 | + 0.26 | .. |
| Global Bond | 75.11 | 79.81 | + 0.26 | 6.35 |
| Japan Growth | 111.54 | 118.66 | - 0.36 | .. |
| North Amer Gth | 156.61 | 165.54 | + 1.88 | .. |
| Oriental Growth | 86.11 | 90.33 | + 0.74 | .. |
| Worldwide Growth | 80.90 | 84.79 | + 0.38 | 0.08 |
| OTHER CU TRUSTS (NON PPT FUNDS) | | | | |
| Deposit Fund | 92.74 | 92.74 | + 0.01 | 5.70 |
| Hanmaster Fund | 72.26 | 76.89† | + 0.62 | 1.96 |
| Quilter Fund | 117.42 | 124.91† | + 0.22 | 3.14 |

### CONFEDERATION FUNDS MGMT LTD
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| Growth Inc | 53.83 | 57.26† | + 0.38 | 3.30 |
| Accum (Units) | 54.28 | 57.73† | + 0.41 | 3.30 |
| High Income | 31.74 | 33.76 | + 0.18 | 4.90 |
| Japan | 33.68 | 35.82 | - 0.20 | .. |
| Smaller Cos Inc | 28.88 | 30.51 | + 0.01 | 2.00 |
| Smaller Cos | 30.37 | 32.30 | | 2.00 |
| North American | 30.69 | 32.64 | + 0.41 | 0.70 |
| European | 35.16 | 37.40 | + 0.32 | 0.60 |

### CONSISTENT UNIT TST MGMT CO LTD
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| Consistent Ut | 29.32 | 31.45 | ... | 3.43 |

### COOKE (HENRY) INV FUNDS LTD
0800 526 358

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| Growth | 135.80 | 143.70 | - 1.30 | 2.09 |
| Income | 64.93 | 68.08† | + 0.09 | 5.35 |
| European | 58.17 | 61.69 | + 0.05 | 1.11 |
| Recovery | 144.30 | 153.60 | + 0.90 | 1.97 |

### CO-OP PENSION FDS UT MGRS LTD
071 283 9494

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| Equity Dist | 755.90 | 788.40 | | 3.79 |

### CREDIT SUISSE INV FDS (UK) LTD
0277 699 370

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| Fellowship Tst | 68.14 | 72.48 | + 0.05 | 1.36 |
| Income # | 220.50 | 234.50 | + 1.90 | 4.96 |
| (Accum Units) # | 563.00 | 577.60 | + 2.80 | 4.96 |
| Smaller Cos | 147.30 | 156.60† | - 0.20 | 0.67 |
| (Accum Units) | 180.00 | 191.40† | - 0.20 | 0.67 |
| Inv Portfolio | 72.54 | 77.16 | + 0.34 | 1.55 |
| High Inc Port # | 63.45 | 67.50 | - 0.45 | 5.14 |

### DIMENSIONAL TST MGMT LTD
071 410 0177

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| Euro Small Cos | £14.74 | £15.98 | .. | .. |
| Japan Small Cos | £12.03 | £12.27 | .. | .. |
| UK Small Cos | £16.86 | £17.60† | .. | .. |
| US Small Cos | £15.72 | £16.45 | .. | .. |

### DISCRETIONARY UNIT FUND MGRS
071 377 8619

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| Disc Inc | 193.40 | 203.60 | | 2.78 |

### DUNEDIN UNIT TST MGRS LTD
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| European Gwth | 259.90 | 274.90 | + 3.30 | 1.01 |
| New Asia | 183.50 | 195.70 | + 2.20 | 0.17 |
| Smaller Cos Gwth | 113.60 | 120.90 | - 1.60 | .. |
| Japan Growth | 466.80 | 498.40 | - 3.00 | .. |
| High Annr | 246.20 | 261.20 | + 1.90 | 0.91 |
| Shtrd Asia Pac Mt | 104.40 | 110.70 | + 1.30 | 0.41 |
| Uk Inc & Gnth | 196.40 | 208.50 | + 1.50 | 3.17 |

### EAGLE STAR UNIT MGRS LTD
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| UK Balanced Inc | 139.30 | 137.50 | + 0.50 | 1.55 |
| UK High Inc Inc | 137.40 | 145.30 | + 0.30 | 4.93 |
| (Accum Units) | 176.60 | 187.20 | + 0.40 | 4.93 |
| UK Pref & FI Inc | 55.63 | 59.02 | + 0.06 | 5.35 |
| Envsnmntl Opps | 77.94 | 82.62 | + 0.06 | 1.13 |

### EDINBURGH UNIT TST MGRS LTD
0345 080 525

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| American | 115.90 | 123.10 | + 0.90 | 1.42 |
| Convertibles # | 19.46 | 20.68† | + 0.01 | 6.77 |
| Equity Income # | 117.40 | 124.70 | + 0.70 | 4.25 |
| Euro Fund | 42.65 | 45.28† | + 0.41 | 0.44 |
| Financial | 40.75 | 43.30 | + 0.26 | 1.73 |
| Growth & Inc # | 216.50 | 230.00 | + 1.50 | 4.86 |
| High Dist # | 143.50 | 152.50 | + 1.30 | 4.92 |
| International | 350.80 | 372.70 | + 4.00 | 0.13 |
| Int Cap Inc | 86.55 | 92.39† | + 0.62 | 2.98 |
| Latin American | 29.24 | 31.07 | + 1.77 | .. |
| Pacific | 70.76 | 74.65 | + 0.75 | .. |
| Preference Share | 21.82 | 23.18† | + 0.09 | 7.12 |
| Tokyo | 211.30 | 224.50 | - 0.80 | .. |
| UK Smaller Cos | 211.80 | 225.00 | + 0.10 | 1.22 |

### ELY PLACE UNIT MGRS LTD
071 242 0842

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| Elcon Trust | 196.17 | 209.46 | - 3.17 | 1.10 |

### ENDURANCE FUND MGMT LTD
071 373 7281

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| Endurance Fd | 182.30 | 193.90 | | 0.99 |

### EQUITABLE LIFE UNIT TST MGRS
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| Managed Equity | 94.34 | 100.36 | + 0.77 | |
| Med Term Bd | 89.23 | 94.93 | + 0.46 | .. |
| Long Term Bd | 98.44 | 104.73 | + 0.52 | .. |
| UK Equity | 104.16 | 110.82 | + 0.97 | .. |
| UK Emerging Cos | 62.16 | 66.13 | | |
| American | 102.48 | 109.02 | + 1.21 | .. |
| Japan | 57.86 | 61.56 | + 0.30 | .. |
| European | 107.77 | 108.27 | + 0.81 | .. |
| Fixed Interest | 71.58 | 76.53 | + 0.40 | 0.16 |
| Index Linked Gilt | 73.04 | 77.70 | + 0.61 | .. |
| Deposit | 79.97 | 85.07 | + 0.01 | |
| Broker Unit Trusts | | | | |
| Berkeley Int Gth | 108.50 | 115.40† | - 0.90 | .. |
| Berkeley Income # | 104.60 | 111.30† | - 0.30 | 2.05 |
| BWH Intl | 128.39 | 135.15 | - 0.51 | 0.63 |
| Brn&W Gth Port Inc | 56.97 | 60.13 | - 0.23 | 1.75 |
| -ds- Inc Port Inc | 53.24 | 56.19† | - 0.18 | 3.40 |
| -ds- Income Acc | 48.91 | 52.04 | - 0.16 | 3.40 |
| Share Utilities | 55.79 | 58.86 | - 0.43 | 2.90 |

### EUROPEAN FUND MANAGEMENT
0800 282 621

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| Global Inc & Gth | 57.98 | 61.36 | + 0.39 | .. |
| Inv Trust | 61.97 | 65.62 | + 0.17 | .. |
| Pan Euro | 55.11 | 58.52 | + 0.03 | 1.50 |
| High Inc Acc | 53.47 | 56.69 | + 0.03 | 3.90 |

### L & C UNIT TST MGMT LTD
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| Income | 543.40 | 554.50† | .. | 6.37 |
| Intl & General | 379.20 | 386.90† | .. | 0.01 |

### LAURENCE KEEN UNIT TRUST MGMT
071 407 5986

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| Bridge Income | 247.05 | 262.82 | + 1.43 | 5.71 |
| Inc & Growth Inc | 52.61 | 55.97† | + 0.36 | 4.84 |
| Smaller Cos | 52.79 | 56.16 | + 0.05 | 1.46 |

### LAURENTIAN UNIT TST MGMT LTD
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| Growth Trust | 231.00 | 245.70 | + 0.90 | 2.21 |
| High Income | 101.90 | 108.40† | + 1.30 | 4.46 |
| International | 91.69 | 97.54 | + 0.93 | 0.62 |
| Recovery Trust | 58.44 | 62.17 | + 0.49 | 1.64 |
| European Trust | 77.35 | 82.25 | + 0.70 | 1.06 |
| American Trust | 42.02 | 44.70† | + 0.02 | .. |
| American Trust | 80.76 | 85.91 | + 1.00 | .. |
| Managed | 53.10 | 57.12 | + 0.17 | 0.57 |
| Cash | 51.29 | 51.29 | + 0.01 | 4.32 |

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| UK Cap | 338.10 | 344.00 | .. | 2.67 |
| UK Inc/Gth | 361.90 | 367.40 | .. | 3.52 |
| UK Income | 252.20 | 257.00 | .. | 4.56 |
| UK Sm Cos | 225.20 | 234.20 | .. | 2.03 |
| Euro Gwth | 118.50 | 119.30 | .. | .. |
| N Amer Gwth | 75.21 | 78.57 | .. | 0.12 |
| Japan Growth | 52.96 | 53.67 | .. | .. |
| Money Mkt | 121.92 | 121.92 | .. | 1.509 |

### LEGAL & GENERAL (UT MGRS) LTD
Enquiries: 0277 227 300 Dealing: 0277 690 395

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| Equity Dist | 442.60 | 470.70 | + 3.90 | 2.78 |
| (Accum Units) | 670.30 | 925.80 | + 7.50 | 2.78 |
| Equity Income | 90.56 | 96.77† | + 0.31 | 4.23 |
| Ex Tech/Small Affairs | 92.90 | 98.39† | + 0.61 | 3.16 |
| European | 108.90 | 115.90† | + 0.30 | 0.99 |
| Far Eastern | 206.00 | 219.20 | - 0.50 | .. |
| Fixed Interest | 50.13 | 53.33† | + 0.14 | 8.88 |
| Gilt | 98.70 | 101.96 | + 0.17 | 8.89 |
| Global Growth | 70.57 | 75.27 | + 0.36 | 0.11 |
| Intl Bond | 50.53 | 53.66 | + 0.01 | 5.26 |
| Japanese | 69.22 | 73.64 | - 0.02 | .. |
| North American | 138.90 | 147.80 | + 1.00 | 1.07 |
| Pacific Growth | 98.04 | 104.30 | + 0.60 | 0.20 |
| UK Index | 58.59 | 61.84 | + 0.52 | 3.27 |
| UK Recovery | 84.37 | 89.76 | + 0.68 | 1.87 |
| UK Smaller Cos | 114.80 | 122.10† | + 0.85 | 1.56 |
| US Index | 57.30 | 60.98† | + 0.01 | 1.87 |
| European Index | 69.65 | 73.72† | + 0.61 | 1.53 |
| Japan Index | 40.16 | 42.59 | + 0.15 | .. |
| Worldwide | 79.18 | 83.15 | + 0.47 | 1.44 |

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| Growth | 47.07 | 50.34† | + 0.51 | 2.14 |
| Income | 55.23 | 59.45† | + 0.26 | 3.09 |
| Far East | 49.12 | 52.55 | + 0.07 | .. |
| North American | 84.12 | 89.94 | + 0.98 | 0.70 |
| Global | 84.53 | 90.41 | + 0.67 | 0.21 |
| European | 81.53 | 87.20 | + 0.59 | 0.26 |
| Japan | 101.99 | 109.09 | + 0.50 | .. |
| Intl Currency Bd | 58.06 | 59.47 | + 0.49 | 5.52 |
| SE Asia | 93.25 | 99.73 | + 0.80 | .. |
| UK Cap Growth | 86.96 | 93.01 | + 0.05 | 1.49 |

### LLOYDS BK UNIT TST MGRS LTD
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| Balanced | 330.76 | 341.20 | + 1.20 | 3.11 |
| -ds- Acc | 729.48 | 776.00 | + 2.70 | 3.11 |

### MIM UNIT MANAGERS LTD
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A once-inventive staging loses its way as Love's Labour's Lost returns to London with a new cast

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The murder of a gay politician is the starting-point for a controversial new opera



CINEMA: Tales of two British film directors, joined by talent but separated by the North Atlantic – and oceans of money

## Beggar for the idle millions

A critical hit with his first film did not guarantee finance for the second, Gary Sinyor tells **Alexandra Frean**

Three years after *Leon the Pig Farmer* walked off with prizes at the Venice and Edinburgh film festivals, Gary Sinyor, who wrote, co-produced and co-directed the low-budget production has still to make a penny from it.

But Sinyor remains defiant. His second film, *Solitaire for 2*, goes on national release next week and plans for his third and fourth productions are already well advanced.

Made on a budget of £1.5 million (ten times the budget for *Leon the Pig Farmer*), *Solitaire for 2* is a comic love story about a man who is an expert in body language and a woman with extra-sensory perception. He, a silver-tongued control freak with a gift for seduction, is terrified of commitment. She, a bookish archaeologist, uses ESP to discover his every thought and detect his hidden desires.



Sinyor: finally out of the woods and into the cinemas

The film, a kind of cross between a screwball 1930s comedy and a 1990s trip into heightened reality, stars Mark Frankel (from *Leon the Pig Farmer*) and Amanda Kays.

"It is all about the games people play in relationships, only he cannot really play any games because she can see straight through him," Sinyor says. "Having a character who can read minds is a way of letting the audience explore their own anxieties."

Something of a control freak himself, Sinyor, 32, was actively involved in raising the budget for *Solitaire for 2*, as well as writing and directing it. Despite the enormous critical success of *Leon the Pig Farmer*, finding the cash was not easy. Having initially promised to bankroll the production, the distributor Miramax pulled out a year ago, leaving Sinyor to scrape around for cash in much the same way as he had to make *Leon the Pig Farmer*.

Sinyor's experience with his pig film serves as a cautionary tale to budding film-makers. When it was released in 1992 the film was hailed as a triumph of optimism over common financial sense. The production team raised £150,000 to cover the bare necessities of food, transport and film stock through selling shares to private investors, who put in as little as £1,000 each through a Business Expansion Scheme. The crew and actors took their payments on a deferred basis, meaning they would not get a penny until the film went into profit.

Despite rave reviews, the film was not a financial success. The investors and non-deferred creditors have only just been paid back and the £350,000 owed to cast and crew is still outstanding.

Like so many British films before it, *Leon the Pig Farmer* was a victim of the British cinema distribution system, a system dominated by a handful of (mostly American-owned) major players with close and virtually exclusive links to both the main cinema chains and to the Hollywood studios. Low-budget independent producers with invisible publicity budgets often find it impossible to break into this cosy arrangement and get their work into anything other than a handful of small arthouse British cinemas.

Sinyor was on the point of abandoning his film career when he was rescued by two Manchester businessmen, who agreed to underwrite the full £1.5 million.

He hopes, however, not to have to face the same funding struggle again, now that he has been taken under the protective wing of the visual entertainment and media company Chrysalis.

Sinyor is now part of a stable of young talent Chrysalis has signed up over the past year or so in return for a slice of the profit on anything they make. Although not a Chrysalis employee in the conventional sense, Sinyor now receives a "salary" from the company as well as office space and administrative back-up. "They have no editorial input to the projects I develop, but they get a percentage of each film I make and get their development money back in the budget," he says.

"It's a very nice position to be in from my point of view, because most producers just sit around all day getting paranoid and wondering which commissioning editor they will have to go begging to for money. I do not necessarily have to do that now."

## Not much of a cereal killer

**Geoff Brown** finds little to die for in *The Road to Wellville*, Alan Parker's loud-mouthed film about John Harvey Kellogg, inventor of the cornflake



Matthew Broderick attempts to find health and happiness at the hands of nurse Traci Lind in *The Road to Wellville*

The V word, violence, is back again: does it ever go away? Sam Peckinpah's *Straw Dogs* rears its bloody head at the National Film Theatre, where it will play in a new print to audiences scarcely born when critics and guardians of the nation's morality hurled their abuse on the film's first release in 1971.

For his part, Alan Parker, a skilled, brash director, perpetrates his own brand of violence, and an exuberant American comic novel such as T. Coraghessan Boyle's **The Road to Wellville** is not the property to prompt any change to gentler methods. So prepare for the full onslaught in this exhausting, repetitive turn-of-the-century romp through the fictional fortunes of the real-life Battle Creek Sanitarium: a Michigan retreat for the rich, famous and idle, run with a whim of iron by John Harvey Kellogg, inventor of cornflakes and peanut butter, and champion of "biological living".

It is easy to spot Dr Kellogg. He is Anthony Hopkins, decorated with Bugs Bunny teeth, a little goatee, and a brusque, machinegun voice. "We are merely lifeguards on the shores of the alimentary canal," he barks. Around him cluster likeable players such as Bridget Fonda and Matthew Broderick, and dislikeable players such as Dana Carvey. You will encounter enough medical contraptions to stock ten museums, and every kind of period bustle. On top of everything, there are farts galore, vomiting, spitting, flung dung, jokes about enemas, erections and stools.

The result is more sophisticated than a *Carry On*, although as a satire on the century's obsession with sex, health and staving off death, the points are blunted by the film's undue length and hammer-blow style. The three stories woven into Parker's script pull our attention too many ways. Should we focus on Hopkins's relations with his renegade adopted son (Carvey)? Or on the strained marriage of Fonda and Broderick, two new residents at the "San"? Or maybe we should feel for John Cusack, a would-be breakfast food entrepreneur who casts his lot with an utter rogue and produces a cereal even pigs refuse?

If Parker had not forced his players to shout, pull faces and parade in make-up that belongs on the vaudeville stage, the film would be more digestible. Hopkins himself suffers more than most. Only one tiny flashback scene with his wife reveals him as a human being: for the rest he is a strutting caricature, and he gives the film a cold heart. Those who emerge best adopt the softly-softly method: Broderick as the reluctant patient increasingly concerned by Kellogg's regime; or John Neville as the laconic, witty English gent who delights in giving his private parts an electric jolt.

In **Leon**, meanwhile, bullets are routinely emptied into heads, stomachs, arms, legs, ceilings and walls. Gary Oldman, as Stansfield, the world's most corrupt drug enforcement officer, pops pills with operatic gestures, and bubbles over with evil. "I like these calm moments before the storm: it's like Beethoven!" he says in a voice stretched thin with manic glee. Nothing in the Pastoral Symphony, however, can match the destruction that follows.

But *Leon* is not quite the usual bloodbath. The director is Luc Besson, sleek master of *La Femme Nikita* and *Subway*; and he fills the screen with dynamic compositions. The story's setting is New York, the language English, although the film remains French in its financing and technical staff, and Besson views the concrete canyons with a foreigner's eyes.

Besson also injects some European heart. This is Leon's film, not Stansfield's; and this near-illiterate, indestructible hitman begins with at least two soft spots. Leon likes to watch Gene Kelly dance, and he loves his potted plant. Soon his affections are called upon by Mathilde, a 12-year-old whose family is wiped out in one of Stansfield's splurges. Taking shelter in Leon's apartment, she declares she wants to learn his trade, and soon considers herself his lover. Inevitably, Mathilde will become Leon's undoing, although she helps him to find some redemption en route.

Jean Reno, a Besson regular, is riveting as the zombie-like Leon, a character inspired by his role of Victor, cleaner-up of other people's messes in *La Femme Nikita*. Natalie Portman's precocious child has a distinctive, eerie presence. Oldman quickly turns tedious, but the images around him throb with life: you always know you are watching a film, not an illustrated script. The drawback, as usual with Besson, is that behind the images lies a vacuum. Puppet characters and a little story have been pumped up to look big. Even so, it is a pleasure to find a thriller that takes time to savour atmosphere, and treats some characters with respect, at least until the bullets fly. And *Leon* has one advantage over *La Femme Nikita* and its tiresome American copy, *The Assassin*. Being shot in English the first time round, there is no need for a remake.

**Straw Dogs**, Peckinpah's notorious account of violence erupting in a West Country farmhouse, belongs to a different age. Characters talk about "30 bob". Colin Welland plays a vicar. More to the point, the gunshots and sexual assaults hurt and disturb in a way few films can manage now. *Leon* offers designer violence, neatly patterned, almost clean. Twenty years ago, audiences and film-makers took their bloodshed much more seriously. When Susan George is violated, or when the beast within Dustin Hoffman rises to savage the rabble at the gates, our own feelings of security come under direct attack.

*Straw Dogs* retains a ferocious bite, although the original shrieks about gratuitous violence appear mostly misplaced. Peckinpah throws in a spattering of ugly close-ups clearly designed to shock, but almost half the film is spent laying the groundwork for the final explosion. The yokels mock and leer. Hoffman, George's mathematician husband, seems a polo-necked drip, but inside the fires are burning: he bickers constantly with his wife, and even hurls grapefruit at the cat. When one of the locals, pondering on America's riots and murders, asks if he saw anyone get knifed, Hoffman responds: "Just between commercials". Through the experiences of George and Hoffman, Peckinpah takes violence out of its television compartment, and lodges it inside our hearts and minds. That is why the film remains disturbing, depressing, and important.

Darnell Martin's **I Like It Like That** has been touted as the first feature directed by a black American woman to be bankrolled by a Hollywood major. Not that Columbia put its modest $5 million into something controversial. Strip away the rough Bronx street talk and the funky music, and you get a cheerful family drama with enough conventional plotting to fill a television sitcom.

Martin's chief characters are a feisty, volatile Latino couple, scarcely out of childhood themselves, with three kids to support. When the hardworking father (John Seda) is jailed for looting, the mother (Lauren Vélez) becomes the breadwinner and, by a fluke, lands a job with a record executive.

The film jangles with life once Martin focuses on neighbourhood squabbles ("I don't have to stop screaming, I'm an adult!" Vélez yells). But when Griffin Dunne's record exec and his red Lamborghini sidle up, so do the clichés. Martin, past camera assistant to Spike Lee, handles herself well for a debuting director; but no one should imagine she has created something raw and dangerous.

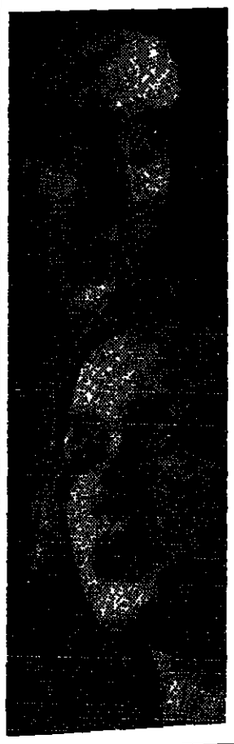
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Odeon Leicester Square
18, 120 mins
*Alan Parker's overdone health fad satire*

**Leon**
Odeon West End
18, 110 mins
*Sleek Gallic tale of a hitman in New York*

**Straw Dogs**
National Film Theatre
18, 118 mins
*Peckinpah's film still bites*

**I Like It Like That**
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### LONDON

**VIENNA PHILHARMONIC** Legend meets legend tonight as Bernard Haitink conducts the orchestra for a programme devoted to Bruckner's Symphony No 8.
**Festival Hall**, South Bank, SE1 (0171-928 8800) Tonight, 7.30pm

**ROMEO AND JULIET** Inventive performance artist Emily Wool plays her first classical role, opposite Stuart Bunce's Romeo. Neil Bartlett directs this co-production with West Yorkshire Playhouse.
**Lyric**, King St, Hammersmith, W6 (0181-741 2311). Previews begin tonight, 7.30pm; opens Feb 7. Until Mar 11

**DEALER'S CHOICE** Patrick Marber, co-writer of numerous Steve Coogan and Paul Calf shows, directs his own first play tonight — a comedy about an all-night poker game. Designs by Bunny Christie
**National** (Cottesloe), South Bank, SE1 (0171-928 2252) Previews begin tonight, 7.30pm, opens Feb 9.

**BOURNEMOUTH SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA** Bariione Bryn Terfel, always a favourite on the concert circuit, joins Andrew Litton and the orchestra for tonight's programme of Verdi's *I Vespri Siciliani*, Tchaikovsky's Symphony No 3, "Polish" and Walton's *Belshazzar's Feast*
**Fairfield Halls**, Park Lane, Croydon (0181-688 9291) Tonight, 8pm

### ELSEWHERE

**BIRMINGHAM** Symphony Hall plays host to a wonderfully eclectic musical programme during the next few days. American conductor Lawrence Foster joins the **CBSO** for tonight's programme of Cherubini, Beethoven and Enescu, followed by the great Russian **Borodin String Quartet** on Friday. Simon Rattle sets his baton aside on Sunday to join the **Bell'Arte Ensemble** as the pianist for a programme of Debussy, Beethoven and Dvořák
**Symphony Hall**, Broad Street (0121-212 3333). Tonight, 7.30pm, Fri, 8pm and Sun, 2.30pm

**LEICESTER** First night of previews for the world premiere of Phyllis Nagy's **Disappeared** The acclaimed author of *Butterfly Kiss* reconstructs the series of events that led up to a woman's disappearance after meeting a stranger in a rundown New York bar. Derek Wax directs.
**Haymarket Studio**, Belgrave Gate (01533 539797) Tonight, 7.45pm, opens Feb 6. Then Mon-Sat, 7.45pm; mats Sat (from Feb 11), 3.15pm. Until Feb 25

**GLASGOW** Killers and victims hurtle through Middleton's **Women Beware Women**. Philip Prowse directs a tragedy thriller from the period (Jacobean) that has inspired some of his best work.
**Citizens'**, Gorbels (0141-429 0022). Free preview tonight, 7.30pm; opens tomorrow. Then Tue-Sat, 7.30pm. Until Feb 25

**NOTTINGHAM** **Shobana Jeyasingh**'s new work for her company, *The Raid*, is based on a popular Indian street game, Kabbadi, in which one player has to penetrate the territory held by the others. It has music by Ilaiaraaja and designs by Keith Khan. *Raid* shares the double-bill with Jeyasingh's 1992 creation, *Making of Maps*.
**Playhouse**, Wellington Circus (0602 419419) Tonight, 7.30pm

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**Barbican:** Impressionism in Britain (0171-638-4141) . . **British Museum:** Chinese Arms and Armour (0171-636 1555) . . **Crafts Council:** Furniture Today: Design and Craft (071-278 7700) . . . **National Gallery:** The Age of Elegance (0171-839 3321) . . **National Portrait Gallery:** Christina Rossetti (0171-306 0055) . . **Riverside Studios:** Chinese Myths (0181-741 2251) . . **Royal Academy:** The Revival of the Palaeolithic Style (0171-439 7438) . . **Tate:** New Displays 1995 (0171-887 8000) . . **V & A. Streetstyle** (0171-938 8500)

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**Jeremy Kingston's assessment of theatre showing in London**

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**Cambridge**, Earlham Street, WC2 (0171-494 5080). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm; mats Tue and Sat, 3pm. Until Apr 8.

◪ **THE MAN OF MODE** Etherege's wittiest comedy: sex, style and even some true love. David Westhead as Dorimant, Tim Potter as Sir Fopling Flutter. Max Stafford-Clark directs in repertoire with *The Libertine*
**Royal Court**, Sloane Square, SW1 (0171-730 1745) Tonight, 7.30pm

◪ **SAVANNAH BAY** Marguerite Duras's 1982 play for two women haunted by their past. Directed by Katrin Magrowitz for the always adventurous Koncrete Theatre Co. The last company to play this venue before it closes down.
**New Grove**, Drummonds, Euston Road, NW1 (0171-383 0925) Opens tonight, 8pm. Then Mon-Sat, 8pm; until Feb 25

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### LONG RUNNERS

☐ **Arcadia**, Haymarket (0171-930 8800) . ☐ **Blood Brothers** Phoenix (0171-867 1044) . . ◪ **Cats**, New London (0171-405 0072) . . ☐ **Copacabana** Prince of Wales (0171-839 5972) . . ☐ **Crazy for You** Prince Edward (0171-734 8951) . . ☐ **Five Guys Named Moe** Lyric (0171-494 5045) . . ◪ **Grease** Dominion (0171-416 6060) . . ☐ **Hamlet** Gielgud (0171-494 5065) . . . ◪ **Les Misérables** Palace (0171-434 0909) . . ◪ **Miss Saigon** Theatre Royal (0171-494 5400) . . . ☐ **My Night With Reg** Criterion (0171-839 4488) ☐ **Neville's Island** Apollo (0171-494 5070) . . ■ **Oliver!** Palladium (0171-494 5020) . . . ☐ **On Approval**, Playhouse (0171-839 4401) . . . ☐ **Only the Lonely** Piccadilly (0171-369 1734) . . ◪ **A Passionate Woman** Comedy (0171-369 1731) . . ■ **The Phantom of the Opera** Her Majesty's (0171-494 5400) . . ☐ **She Loves Me**, Savoy (0171-836 8888) . . . ☐ **The Sisters Rosensweig**, Old Vic (0171-928 7616) . . ◪ **Starlight Express** Apollo Victoria (0171-828 8665) . . ☐ **Sunset Boulevard** Adelphi (0171-344 0055) . . ■ **Three Tall Women** Wyndhams (0171-369 1736) . . . ☐ **Woman in Black** Fortune (0171-836 2238)
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## NEW RELEASES

## CINEMA GUIDE

**Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol ◆) on release across the country**

**BARCELONA** (12): Whit Stillman's successor to *Metropolitan*, an agreeable blend of romance, politics and disco dancing, set during the early 1980s. With Taylor Nichols and Chris Eigeman
**Odeon Haymarket** (01426-915363)

◆ **ONLY YOU** (PG): Marisa Tomei chases the man of her dreams through Italy. Lacy blend of comedy, romance and travelogue, with Robert Downey Jr. Director, Norman Jewison.
**MGM Chelsea** (0171-352 5096) **Odeons: Kensington** (01426 914666) **Swiss Cottage** (01426 914098) **West End** (01426-915 574) **UCI Whiteleys** ◪ (0171-792 3332)

**SILENT TONGUE** (12): Loquacious folly about troubled lives out west, from writer-director Sam Shepard. With Richard Harris, Alan Bates and River Phoenix.
**MGM Shaftesbury Avenue** (0171-836 6279)

**SUTURE**: Hypnotic melodrama with avant-garde trimmings from new American film-makers Scott McGehee and David Siegel.
**Everyman** ◪ (0171-435 1525) **ICA** ◪ (0171-930 3647)

### CURRENT

**EVEN COWGIRLS GET THE BLUES** (15): Unwieldy version of Tom Robbins's zany novel from cult director Gus Van Sant. Uma Thurman heads a cameo-strewn cast
**MGM Piccadilly** (0171-437 3561)

◆ **FORREST GUMP** (12): Endearing if indulgent odyssey through post-war America, ideal for baby boomers. With Tom Hanks. Director, Robert Zemeckis
**MGM Trocadero** ◪ (0171-434 0031) **Odeon Mezzanine** ◪ (01426 915683) **Plaza** (0800 868997)

◆ **INTERVIEW WITH THE VAMPIRE** (18): Tom Cruise shows Brad Pitt the vampire way of life. Dull, over-stuffed version of Anne Rice's book. Director, Neil Jordan.
**Barbican** ◪ (0171-638 8891) **Clapham Picture House** (0171-498 3323) **MGMs: Baker Street** (0171-935 9772) **Chelsea** (0171-352 5096) **Fulham Road** (0171-370 2636) **Tottenham Court Road** (0171-636 6148) **Trocadero** ◪ (0171-434 0031) **Notting Hill Coronet** ◪ (0171-727 6705) **Screen/Green** (0171-226 3520) **UCI Whiteleys** ◪ (0171-792 3332) **Warner** ◪ (0171-437 4343)

**THE MASK** (PG): Strange mask turns mild bank employee into a wisecracking demon. Inventive vehicle for rubber-faced Jim Carrey, filled with the antic spirit of 1940s cartoons.
**Odeon Mezzanine** ◪ (01426 915683)

**NOSTRADAMUS** (15): Life and prophecies of the 16th-century legend. Preposterous Euro-pudding, with Tchéky Karyo and Amanda Plummer. Director, Roger Christian
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◆ **PULP FICTION** (18): Quentin Tarantino's flamboyant crime epic weaves together three tales from the LA underworld. With John Travolta, Bruce Willis and Samuel L. Jackson.
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◆ **SHALLOW GRAVE** (18): Wickedly enjoyable comedy-thriller about three Edinburgh chums and a corpse loaded with money. Danny Boyle directs.
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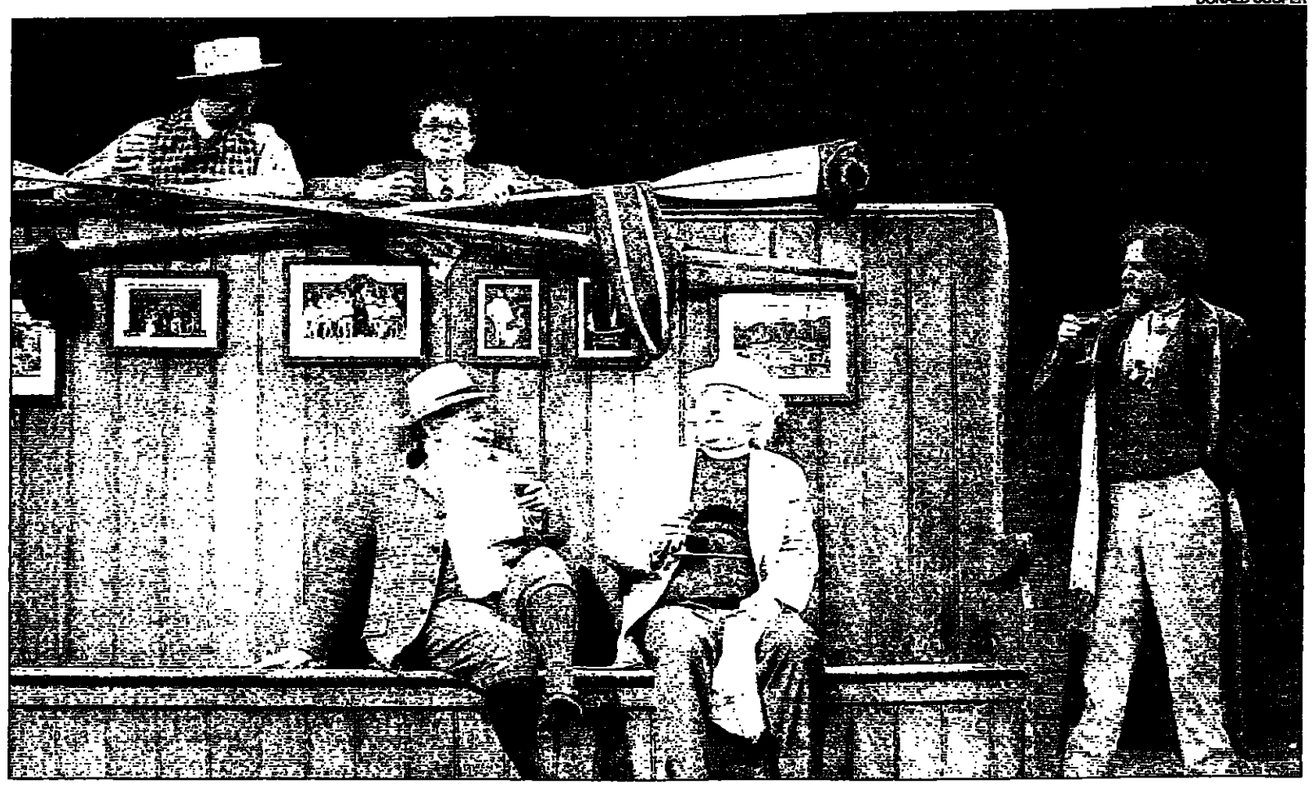
◆ **STARGATE** (PG): Galactic adventures of Kurt Russell and James Spader. Preposterous, derivative but fun, with Jaye Davidson. Roland Emmerich directs.
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**THREE COLOURS: RED** (15): Kieslowski's compelling film about cross-crossing lives; a majestic climax to his trilogy. With Irène Jacob and Jean-Louis Trintignant.
**MGM Panton Street** (0171-930 0631) **Minema** (0171-235 4225)

◆ **WES CRAVEN'S NEW NIGHTMARE** (15): Inventive riff on the "Elm Street" movies from the original's creator, director Wes Craven.
**Odeon Mezzanine** ◪ (01426 915683) **West End** (01426-915 574)

## THEATRE: An inventive staging loses sparkle: and a melodrama sheds its operatic trappings

DONALD COOPER



Shakespeare as chronicler of flannelled fools in Edwardian Oxford: Ian Judge's RSC production of *Love's Labour's Lost* returns to the Barbican

# Decay beneath the spires

**Love's Labour's Lost**
Barbican

Ian Judge's Edwardian-Oxford *Love's Labour's Lost* seems to have lost some of its freshness and charm on what, after longish runs in both Stratford and London, must surely be its positively and absolutely last appearance on a Royal Shakespeare Company stage. Perhaps the trouble is a troupe more often weakened than strengthened by wholesale recasting. Perhaps it is that ideas that pleasantly surprise when you first encounter them come to feel clever-clever when they are repeated. Perhaps it is a bit of both.

There is no reason in principle to object to the college setting John Gunter has given Navarre, or even to the spires dreaming self-consciously away on the horizon. It is impossible to watch Elbow muddling his way round the Vienna of *Measure for Measure*, or Dogberry and his chums ineptly patrolling the Messina of *Much Ado*, without being aware that Shakespeare was making fun of English constables at work in English towns. So why not Dull the Oxford bobby, sitting with his tankard of beer in the pub while the brainy folk discuss subjects that, as he says in his dim, docile way, are totally incomprehensible to him?

Why should we fret when Sir Nathaniel, the Oxford cleric, and Holofernes, the Oxford don, applaud Costard, the Oxford butcher's boy, for hitting a six? Perhaps we should even buy the transformation of the page Moth into a wimpish college chorister, though here we have to shut our ears to the references to the character as an "imp", "little", "pretty" and a "child". John McAndrew, who now plays him, looks 25, talks tenor, walks five-eighthsish, and seems overall more a backward adult than a precocious tot.

Judge's invention can be harmlessly amusing, as when the gallants disguise themselves not merely as "Muscovites" but as Rasputin clones in dark glasses, and can be tendentious. At the denouement the love-games abruptly end with the entry of Marcade, who informs the Princess of France of her father's death. Judge adds distant rumbles of gunfire and flashes of red to Shakespeare's intimations of mortality. But his point, that these Edwardian dreamers are idling their way to the Somme, is considerably softened by the crassly cute owl-and-cuckoo singalong that follows it.

The men vowing to renounce worldly pleasures for what will presumably be an austere life in the Bodleian are all newcomers to the production. So are Jenny Agutter's smiling Princess and the other women for whom these flannelled fools promptly and predictably fall. In just one case does this recasting add anything. Jeremy Northam was too happy-go-lucky for the mocking Berowne. With his gangling, beaky looks and tendency to inject odd squawks into his Oxford drawl, Richard Garnett put me in mind of the young John Wood. Add to that energy, authority and a wily humour all his own, and you have a strong Berowne and an actor well worth watching.

Elsewhere, the news is not so hot. The pedant Holofernes, humanised into a professorial fusspot by John Normington, has been turned by Arthur Cox into an aggressive blend of Dickens's Gradgrind and Colonel Blimp, and Paul Greenwood's wry Boyet has become Cherry Morris's gratuitously frantic Boyette. Saddest of all, Daniel Massey's Armado, a great ravaged Pan changed by love into a stricken, wistful Don Quixote, has given way to a more conventionally eccentric Richard O'Callaghan. But first-time audiences, not knowing what was, may find it easier than I to accept the production as it has become.

BENEDICT NIGHTINGALE

# Led up the bridal path

**Duke Bluebeard's Castle**
Turtle Key, SW6

THE first impression is intriguing. At the back of a wide, deep, white stage, hung with transparent plastic drapes, a wedding dress (also cut from transparent plastic) stands waiting for Bluebeard's next wife, Judit. We are going to have to imagine the seven doors she will insist on opening, assuring him that she is not frightened by the blood she sees staining everything beyond. Perhaps Luke Dixon and Jane Turner, director and co-director for the Soho Group, will achieve clever effects from coloured lighting.

What they will not be using is Bartók's music, because this is the play, by Bela Balazs, that served as the libretto for his opera. In its place we are promised choreography, mime, a text and five actresses, which means no visible Bluebeard.

Judit (Debbie Yearsley) scampers on and sits with the audience in the front row, followed by the other four actresses, dressed in the same see-through bridal wear and carrying parasols. They don't sit with us: four white chairs will be their occasional resting-places. But what they chiefly do is choreographed walking, and this really is fatiguing. For us, that is. They take a few paces, turn, take a few more, turn and turn again, always at right angles, never walking into one another, never changing the expressions on their doll's faces. It is like watching four white castles endlessly covering a chessboard.

Three of them will reveal themselves to be former wives, and all of them will take a turn in standing as tall as tall and looking duke-like. "Frightened, Judit?" they will bark, for Yearsley joins them on the stage after 20 minutes or so, but she never is. "Dreadful is your torture-chamber, Bluebeard, dreadful, dreadful," is what she will say, and variants of the same, but onward she goes, all the way to the seventh door.

The lighting does change, but a pale green or pink wash goes absolutely nowhere towards conveying the beauty, majesty and horror of Bluebeard's secret rooms. The Balazs text is slight and demands the presence of music, the violins' tremolo, the flutes' arpeggio and the C major roar when the fifth door is opened onto Bluebeard's domain.

Yearsley's closed yet hopeful smile, an air of fragility that will yet stop at nothing, and a kind of dreamy wonder to her voice, all contribute to a credible reading of the role as village bride. But the production gives her nothing that will eventually identify her as midnight, nor provides the others with attributes of dawn, midday and dusk. Bluebeard completes his set and that's that. It doesn't seem worth the marching to reach that conclusion.

JEREMY KINGSTON


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# Making of a gay martyr

## OPERA: **Rodney Milnes** on a provocative new work about the life and murder of a San Francisco politician

It is perhaps more than a coincidence that the last three new operas I have heard should have been so openly challenging to the status quo — Temmingh's *Enoch*, Musgrave's *Simón Bolívar*, and now Stewart Wallace's *Harvey Milk*. The last-named, a co-commission from Houston Grand Opera and the San Francisco and New York City Operas, was premiered in Houston to the background of a real crisis. Whereas public funding for the arts has been steadily eroded in the UK, in America the new Congress is about to vote on abolishing altogether the National Endowment for the Arts. Perhaps the powers that be have finally twigged that art is dangerous.

*Harvey Milk* is blatantly, provocatively confrontational, and there have been walkouts from performances to prove it. It tells of the life and murder of the first avowed homosexual to be elected to public office in America, as city supervisor (roughly councillor) in San Francisco in 1977. His homosexuality was in a sense incidental: it was his attracting the votes of other minorities — pensioners, trades unionists, Asian Americans — that made him so challenging a figure. And while his sexuality may have triggered the murderer's finger, it was probably his wide constituency that prompted the shockingly lenient sentence of five years for his murderer.

The opera, deeply well-intentioned and performed with heartfelt fervour, is not without problems. Over half is taken up with describing how Harvey Milk became Harvey Milk, tracing his journey from closeted Wall Street stockbroker to gay hippie in the Castro district of San Francisco to well-groomed city supervisor. Fine, but there is much em-

**Harvey Milk**
Houston

phasis on gay stereotypes (drag queens, cruisers and S/M freaks are only a minority of a minority), and the close identification of homosexuals with victims of the Holocaust (Milk was Jewish) can provoke a slightly queasy reaction.

It is when Milk is elected to office in the finale of the second of three acts that the action gets really interesting, as interesting as his relationship with his fellow supervisor and eventual killer, Dan White. The singer of White also appears as various homophobic characters earlier in the action, and throughout gives voice to attitudes consonant with those of the silent majority — and presumably with those who walked out. I can't help feeling that less narrative and more emphasis on political and personal confrontation could have yielded more genuinely operatic meat.

But Michael Korie's libretto is well constructed and snappily written, with some really funny lines. The trouble is, Wallace's music seems designed for a completely different text. His word-setting is laboured and angular — he is a master of mis-stress — and his generally slow pacing is not the best vehicle for sharp one-liners. His musical language is eclectic and over-reliant on pastiche: bargain-basement Bernstein for the production numbers; snatches of Delliusian tortuousness; near-Massenet soupiness for Milk's love duet with his partner; minimalist doodling when all else fails. His own voice, when it is heard, is strangely anonymous, and his grasp of dramatic pace worryingly unsure.

What impact the evening has derives largely from Christopher Alden's powerful production — the murder itself, played twice, is heart-stopping each time — and if too much of it is in slow motion, well, so is the music. Robert Orth gives a virtuoso performance in the title role, and Raymond Very's Dan White is so accomplished that you wish he had more to do.

There is powerful support from James Maddalena, Gidon Saks and Jill Grove in a variety of smaller roles. Chorus and orchestra under Ward Holmquist are absolutely first-rate. HGO has certainly done the piece proud: would that the opposite were true.



Ill-fated campaigner: Robert Orth delivers a virtuoso performance in the title role of Stewart Wallace's new opera *Harvey Milk*, premiered by Houston Grand Opera

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# Embarked on a flight of fancy

MUCH depended on the Russian element, both performers and performances, for the impact of two concerts on consecutive nights at the Festival Hall: Alexander Lazarev as guest conductor with the Philharmonia; the Royal Philharmonic under its principal conductor, Yuri Temirkanov. Lazarev was superficially the more dynamic, Temirkanov the more probing in revealing the RPO at a world-class standard as it leaves for America next weekend on the first leg of a world tour.

Temirkanov yielded precedence at the start, however, to Gareth Wood, one of the orchestra's double-basses, who conducted his own *Fanfare: Flying High* for full orchestra to celebrate the association of Independent Insurance as the orchestra's new principal sponsor. We are evidently in the era of brand-music.

For commanding virtuosity, I have heard little lately to equal Eliso Virsaladze in Prokofiev's C major Piano Concerto (No 3). The Georgian-born pianist encompassed the music's changing moods and shifting directions with a sustained power and brilliance bursting with life and colour. Nor was she lacking in poetry for the less extrovert passages, while the orchestral playing was as focused as a laser.

It brought a sense of newly-minted detail to the Four Sea Interludes from Britten's *Peter Grimes*, giving full pictorial value to their graphic illustration, then turning inwards to seek the tragic spirit beneath the clamour of Shostakovich's *Fifth Symphony*. Temirkanov dug deeply into its fabric, stressing the Mahler element in the scherzo movement, and if he could not avoid the bombast that the composer found to be the cost of reaching a happy ending, the journey towards it was grandly made.

On the previous night, Lazarev gave no quarter to the Philharmonia. The volatile Latvian signalled his intentions in a vigorous account of Rossini's overture to *L'italiana in Algeri*, with little chance of instrumental delicacy, and compounded his efforts in a bold, brassy and fiercely driven performance of Tchaikovsky's Fourth Symphony. Some woodwind and horn players distinguished themselves, but the strings sounded as if they had forgotten the meaning of *cantabile* and the overall effect was a sense of musical hysteria.

In between, the soloist this time was Gidon Kremer, who picked on Paganini's Violin Concerto No. 4 and delivered it with commendable restraint for this most unpredictable of violinists. His playing was buoyant and ingenuous, the cadenza all over the place, but in a most disciplined way.

NOEL GOODWIN

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# Shift in style, if not in substance

## RADIO: Gerry Anderson infuriated many Radio 4 listeners. But will his replacements fare any better?

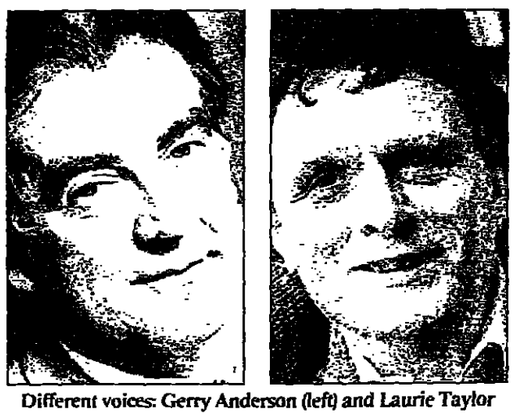
I must first of all thank the reader who commented on the absence of this column last week and reassure her that I had not in fact taken "industrial action in support of Gerry Anderson".

But having been obliged under reader pressure to write about the life and death of *Anderson Country*, I shall take this first opportunity to write about its replacement, **The Afternoon Shift**, after which I shall ignore the programme until listeners rise up in their next, inevitable, revolt.

Quite why so much fuss should be created over a programme that goes out at 3pm, an indecent hour for any kind of broadcasting, is beyond me. But this week's figures from Rajar, the radio audience researchers, show that 285,000 people were listening to *Anderson Country* even unto its death throes.

This is a very decent figure for that time of day, even allowing for the high percentage who tuned in only because they needed a cure for low blood pressure.

So is *The Afternoon Shift* any better? Not as a title it isn't. Surely in the decent, middle-class suburbs of Radio 4 a shift, if it is anything at all, is something ladies used to wear, nor something one works. Dear oh dear: I suppose this is all part of the egalitarian new BBC (though I don't notice anything egalitarian about the salaries).



Different voices: Gerry Anderson (left) and Laurie Taylor

So the title is a dud. The programme is not quite a dud. I understand from a Radio 4 source who is more egalitarian than most that the mailbag so far has been of a kind that electricians call positive/negative.

Most correspondents have praised *The Afternoon Shift* by saying that it is not *Anderson Country*: praised with faint damnation. These letters apparently hardly use the dread word "trivia" at all, even though the actual content has hardly changed.

The *perception* of change lies with the alternating presenters, Laurie Taylor and Daire Brehan. I have heard the word "supercilious" used in regard to Taylor, and if that catches on he could yet emulate Anderson by filling up a whole edition of *Feedback*.

The word in circulation about Brehan is "warm". She undoubtedly has a voice splendidly tuned for radio. So clearly *The Afternoon Shift* has presenters better suited to the type of programme Anderson was doing, which proves my point that Anderson was handed the wrong format for his talents.

But *The Afternoon Shift* is no more substantial in terms of content than was *Anderson Country*, which suggests that the BBC has done quite a clever thing. It has deflected the criticism that a single presenter always attracts by bringing in two, thus leaving the listeners without a specific focus for their vitriol. Still, it's early days yet.

PETER BARNARD

STUDENT THEATRE: Old Testament manoeuvres in the dark at the Oxford Playhouse

# No power, no glory

PERHAPS it was an act of God. *Yonadab*, Peter Shaffer's Old Testament drama of the rape of Tamar, retribution and the ruin of a royal family (not to everyone's liking ten years ago), was struck down after only thirty minutes on the opening night of the Oxford University Drama Society's staging of Shaffer's "completely revised" script.

Scarcely had Tamar started to dance, twisting her wrists alluringly and arousing more than brotherly love in Amnon, than the House Of David was plunged into darkness. We were never to see how deviously Yonadab, the snubbed destructive Iago of pre-Christian Jerusalem, would manipulate David's son into committing incest. Nor how Amnon would lure Tamar to his bedside under false pretences.

It may have been divine vengeance for misleading press releases. I was enticed to the Playhouse with promises of a "brand new text". Shaffer, recently Cameron Mackintosh Professor of Contemporary Theatre at Oxford University, has revised the script with OUDS. But, as Shaffer courteously confirmed when accosted by me in the street, this is essentially the heavily redrafted *Yonadab* as published in 1989, with some ongoing adjustments.

Still, even prematurely terminated, this premiere of Shaffer's reworking reveals both glaring problems and luminous strengths. The wordless white-robed Helpers spell trouble, with laboured mimes of bound prisoners and much en-masse banging of staves. Old Testament extras spoke in Morse. The dialogue's mixture of the archaic and contemporary can founder. King David's manner isn't so much 1000 BC as 100 per cent BBC.

However, *Yonadab* is a play of powerful twists and bold ideas: intertwining manipulators and puppets, cynicism and fanaticism, the devastation of rape and the fearfulness of justice.

Third-year undergraduate Elliot Levey deserves a round of applause. His dark-bearded Yonadab, nasty, funny, nervously spiky and coolly ironic, is superb. A student Sher with splash and precision.

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# Behind the iron mask of a Bolshevik



A broken man: Lenin in 1923 after his stroke, nursed by his sister, from *The Russian Century* (Chatto & Windus)

Historians in what used to be the Soviet Union find themselves in the position of children let loose on alternate days in the maze at Hampton Court and in a lollipop factory. The re-examination of the Soviet past began under Gorbachev. The process, like all things Russian, has been intermittent, but the steel doors that guarded so many secrets swing wider by the day. Nobody has gathered up a bigger fistful of lollipops than Dmitri Volkogonov. But then he was the man chosen to supervise the declassification of the state and party archives after the abortive coup of 1991.

Volkogonov joined the Red Army in 1945. A graduate of the Lenin Military Academy, he rose to the rank of Colonel-General in the army's propaganda department and was subsequently Director of the Institute of Military History. In 1988 he published a biography of Stalin, an event greeted by his unbookish fellow-officers with the sort of enthusiasm evinced last year by the Blues and Royals for Major James Hewitt.

LENIN
Life and Legacy
**By Dmitri Volkogonov**
*HarperCollins, £25*

LENIN
A Political Life
Volume 3: The Iron Ring
**By Robert Service**
*Macmillan, £45*

Now Volkogonov has turned his attention to the first person of the Soviet Trinity. Leninism, he confesses, was "the last bastion to fall in my mind." Gradually, as he delved deeper into the Soviet archives and was able to see something of what Harvard and the Hoover Institution at Stanford had to offer, he reached the conclusion that the real Lenin was a total stranger: "He had always stood before us in the death-mask of the earthly god he had never been." Gradually, he writes, "the creator and prophet was edged out by the Russian Jacobin."

As a lapsed *apparatchik* Volkogonov obviously writes with insight and authority. However, a grounding in Soviet dogmatics is not an ideal apprenticeship for the writing of either history or biography. An operation for ideological glaucoma does not automatically tone up the patient's political or historical judgment. It must also be borne in mind that as an adviser to President Yeltsin, Volkogonov's preoccupations are likely to be political as well as academic.

This English edition of his study of Lenin has been excellently translated by Harold Shukman. He has also tightened the text considerably; his discreet preface suggests that in doing so he has spared us some none too gripping philosophical digressions.

The portrait that emerges is very different from the prim icon so long familiar from Soviet hagiography. The Blessed Volodya of Simbirsk gives way to the apostle of class warfare and state terror. He also seems to have had a line in coarse language that would not have disgraced Lyndon Johnson. "Teach these arseholes some responsibility about producing complete and accurate figures," he instructed Stalin and Kamenev in 1922, displeased with the performance of some financial experts they had taken on.

Nothing in Lenin's earlier life had fitted him for the demanding routines of government — his professional experience was limited to a brief stint as a lawyer's assistant in Samara. He plunged into the business of state administration with enthusiasm, but found it difficult to distinguish between what was important and what might reasonably be left to subordinates. Volkogonov instances the intriguing sanitary *ukaz* he drew up for inhabitants of the Kremlin: "All those arriving (by train) shall before entering their accommodation take a bath and hand their dirty clothes to the disinfector (at the baths) ... Anyone refusing to obey the sanitary regulations will be expelled from the Kremlin at once and tried for causing social harm."

Robert Service has been at work on his biographical trilogy since 1978, and in this final volume carries the story forward from the Treaty of Brest-Litovsk to Lenin's death in 1924. It is a much more solid piece of historical writing than Volkogonov's. "I have held pretty close to the trilogy's perspective as disclosed in the first volume," he writes in his introduction. That he has been able to do so while assimilating the enormous mass of new material that has showered down on his head in recent years testifies to the quality of his scholarship, particularly as it was only after August 1991 that he was authorised to consult the collections in the central party archive.

Volkogonov discerns no ideological discontinuity between Lenin and Stalin and no great difference of method. Service broadly agrees with that, but does not feel compelled to swing such a large sledgehammer. He quotes the fawning Mayakovski — "Lenin lived, Lenin lives, Lenin will live!" — and allows the exceptional stature of the man: "He had intellectual, organisational and political talents as well as deficiencies, and he had them on a grand scale." He is also prepared to enter on the credit side the sincerity of his vision of a future without exploitation and oppression and the charm of an appealing temperament. "Lenin was dignified and thoughtful," he writes, "a decent man in his personal relations."

Service declares that it is impossible to write about Lenin with detachment. "I have done him as much justice as he deserves," he asserts, "and it is more than his opponents received from him." He seems to me to have reached a more balanced judgment than Volkogonov and to have had greater success in placing his subject in a coherent political and economic context.

After 17 years of what he describes as psychological cohabitation, Service can clear his bookshelves of the fifth edition of Lenin's collected works with an easy mind — all 55 volumes of it — and bask in the reflection that he got off lightly. The sixth edition, brought to a halt by the events of August 1991, looked like running to 70 volumes at the very least.

# How dear food dished the Tories

**Andrew Roberts**

THE CRISIS OF CONSERVATISM
The politics, economics and ideology of the British Conservative Party, 1880-1914
**By E.H.H. Green**
*Routledge, £50*

This is the tale of a nice but ineffective Tory Prime Minister who tried to step into the shoes of a giant predecessor who had dominated British politics over three premierships. He soon found his party split over an economic issue which also had profound implications for Britain's future global orientation. Was Britain to stay with free trade, or try to be at the heart of a monolithic trading bloc with protectionist tendencies? A federal entity which several prospective members did not want to see taking a political, as opposed to purely commercial character.

The hapless Prime Minister, through lack of willpower, allowed the split to widen, with the result that the Conservatives suffered their greatest ever electoral defeat of the 20th century, even more catastrophic than that of 1945. The analogy is not original but although E.H.H. Green's excellent new book does not once mention John Major, it is impossible not to notice coincidences between his plight five years from the end of the century and Arthur Balfour's five years from its start.

Green can get inside the Tory mind. He understands what made late-Victorian and Edwardian Conservatives tick and has thought deeply about the crucial questions of the period. How is it, for example, that in an electoral system in which the propertyless man could for the first time outvote the propertied few, the upper-class-dominated party of property could thrive? How could the Tories counter the politics of envy and redistribution? Both the Liberals and Labour were able to offer material benefits to the masses which had eventually to be paid for by the propertied classes. Tariff reform, believes Green, was one of the ideas that the Conservatives came up with to outmanoeuvre them, and it might have worked — but for the cry of "Dear Food".

Green deals with these problems thematically. Imperialism, ideology, agriculture, social reform, industrial protection, the final clash of "fair trade" versus free trade: all get their own well considered and well written chapters. He is as at home with Disraeli's romantic imperialist response as with Salisbury's "Villa Conservatism". Lord Salisbury was party leader for over half of the period covered by this volume, which takes the Tories from the 1880 election defeat to the outbreak of the Great War. His personal achievement in turning an electoral system which he had militantly opposed into a vehicle for Toryism is given the full prominence which it deserves.

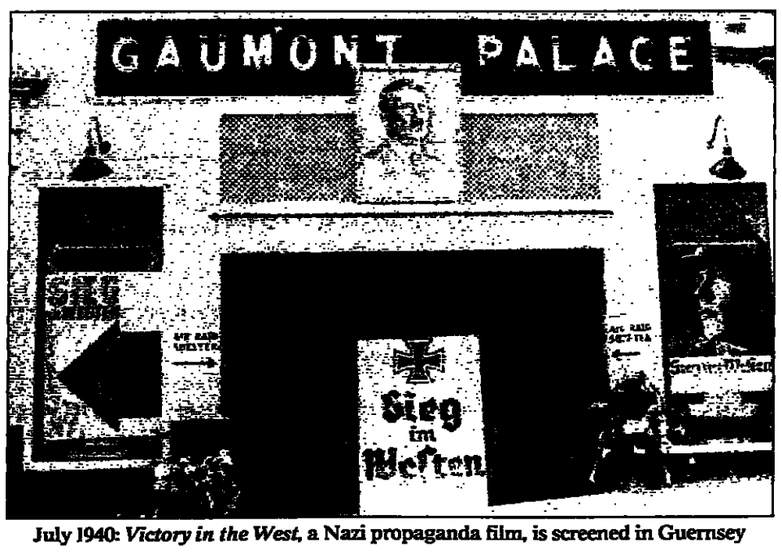
Green is at his best in showing how the extra-parliamentary forces of deference, patriotism, snobbery, imperialism, Anglicanism and so on were pressed into Tory service. One is left feeling that it is a shame so few of them still work today. His introductory essay, "The Peculiarities of Edwardian Conservatism", is a superb summing-up of his case. For a party which prides itself on being "national", the Tories throughout the ages have — except for exceptional periods, such as 1979-90 — been more easily defined by what they were against than what they were for.

The subtlety of Green's arguments are all the more remarkable considering the rather juvenile references this Reading University history lecturer makes in his preface to the "grim years" of the "academic recession" in the 1980s, when he was able to find intellectual stimulation despite "the Government's relentless philistinism". What could be more philistine than turning one's list of acknowledgements into a party political broadcast? Green has benefited greatly from conversations with his mentor Peter Clarke, whose biography of Joseph Chamberlain won plaudits last year.

The author is right to point out that national decline was as much a Tory preoccupation when British prestige and territorial greatness were at their apogee as it has been when this country was suffering a genuine — though relative — decline after 1945. He analyses the deep psychological impact of the Boer War — the British Empire's Vietnam. Green cites one of H.G. Wells's characters as saying "our Empire was very nearly beaten by a handful of farmers amidst the jeering contempt of the world ... we felt it acutely for several years". Was it a factor in Britain being so quick off the mark into the Great War?

The lesson John Major can learn from this masterly account of the Tory Edwardian debacle over Tariff Reform is clear. When a senior colleague — Kenneth Clarke, say, or Douglas Hurd — comes to him as Joe Chamberlain went to Balfour, with a scheme to put Britain at the heart of a protectionist, introverted federal trading bloc which involves serious constitutional implications for Britain's future, and he says that the only casualties will be free trade, cheap food and Tory unity, just show him the 1906 election results. The Tories won 157 seats against the Liberal Opposition's 400. Rather as the present polls are predicting for 1996.

# Hitler's showcase




July 1940: *Victory in the West*, a Nazi propaganda film, is screened in Guernsey

**Norman Stone**

CHANNEL TUNNEL VISIONS, 1850-1945
**By Keith Wilson**
*Hambledon Press, £25*

THE MODEL OCCUPATION
The Channel Islands under German Rule 1940-1946
**By Madeleine Bunting**
*HarperCollins, £20*

WHAT WITH the ceasefire in Northern Ireland, the Channel Tunnel may be usable by those of us who, like myself, are vaguely claustrophobic, and fearful of being stuck in a tunnel. But there could be other dangers. As our fishermen are invited to be good Europeans and give up their livelihoods for the sake of Spaniards, might they not take a leaf from the French primary-producers' book and blockade the tunnel just as French farmers have routinely blocked motorways and burnt lorries? It was thoughts such as these that prompted one British Government after another to stop the building of a Channel Tunnel.

Of course in the 19th century there were several plans for such a tunnel, and Keith Wilson's book is a useful list of them. Even by mid-century engineers could imagine some cross-Channel link — exploiting the fact that, in the middle, the bottom of the sea is only just below the surface. Bridging was a popular, but not practicable, notion (it would have led to an enormous version of the Tay Bridge catastrophe). Tunnelling offered better and better prospects — the London Tube, let alone such marvels as the St Gotthard or Simplon Tunnels, were wonders of the age.

However, there were several interests that opposed the Channel Tunnel. It was expensive: and for what? Bulky cargoes — and two-thirds of trade consisted of grain — would anyway have to go by ship. It has only been in the age of the super-lorry (and cheap fuel) that a tunnel makes sense, and even then the finances of the enterprise will probably price shipping into battle again, unless, as is possible, the company goes in for creative bankruptcy, and gets its debts written off. At any rate, Keith Wilson's is a thoughtful and informed book.

There were obvious fears in Parliament, firstly as to rats running over from the plague-ridden Continent, and then as to the possibility of enemy soldiers creeping through by surprise. Given the extraordinary enterprise that the Germans displayed in 1940 this was not as silly as it sounds. An army that could capture a Belgian fortress, Eben Emael, just by landing a few paratroopers on its roof, with gym-shoes on that muffled the sound of their landing, could just have brought off a *coup de main* against the Channel Tunnel. So the military argued against it, too.

Oddly enough, they never seem to have given a thought to a problem that, in 1940, did indeed prove to be a small headache: the Channel Islands. When France fell in 1940, these were indefensible — at the mercy of shore artillery, their supply-lines hopelessly vulnerable. They were therefore abandoned — and in conditions of considerable confusion at that, with one set of officials urging evacuation of the populace, and another set trying to keep them on the islands. Victims of a Great British cock-up, the islanders were finally left to make their own arrangements with the Germans.

This problem was compounded several times over. In the first place, the Germans were distinguished by a peculiar obstinacy in error. One cause of their defeat was the enormous waste of resources that went into fortifying and defending places that had no hope of survival. Much of the German Army spent the last two years of the war just looking out to sea — in Norway, on the Adriatic, in Courland, in the Channel Islands — waiting for an invasion that never came. In the Islands this led, as in the winter of 1944-45 in The Netherlands, to near-famine. In May 1945, when the surrender happened, the German troops themselves were starving, and had sometimes to be fed by the locals who benefited from a special arrangement made for neutral shipping to supply their needs, via Portugal.

There were episodes of great humanity in this story, as well as some very ugly ones, and Madeleine Bunting is a superb chronicler of what happened. She has done her work with survivors as well as with German, and even Russian, documents.

The problem with Hitler's fortification policy was that it depended upon forced labour. Tunnels under the rock, damp, cold, thin clothing, and poor food accounted for a high death-rate for the thousands of slave labourers brought in. There was a further ugly theme. As in France, the German policy towards Jews was to deport those who had not been locally born. There were a few unfortunates — a Viennese girl who had arrived as *au pair* to a Kentish family then found herself stuck, was deported (with the British police helping the Germans), and killed.

However, this Occupation was intended as Hitler's showcase. It was the calling card of "the New Order", and the Germans were on their best behaviour with the islanders. There were many cases of local girls finding German husbands, and of islanders saving Germans from captivity in 1945. The degree of collaboration may have been excessive. But if you want a classic example of the dilemmas of Resistance, here it is.

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**Anthony Storr** on a novel that asks: do we want to abolish grief?

# Better than well

SAINT RACHEL
**By Michael Bracewell**
*Jonathan Cape, £9.99*
*paperback original*

Michael Bracewell's fifth novel tells the story of John, a young man with private means whose wife Anne has deserted him after five years of marriage. The anxiety and depression which followed were treated by his doctor with diazepam, propranolol, and Prozac, the anti-depressant which is sweeping America and which is said to make people "better than well".

During the early part of the book, John stays in his club, "The Chatham", which, judging from the description of the bedrooms, bar, and dining-room, is closely modelled on the Savile Club. John also consults his friend Tony who is first described as a clinical psychologist, but later, confusingly, referred to as a young doctor, practising in Harley Street. Psychologists are not medical doctors, although they may hold PhDs.

John is introduced to Rachel by his friend Jodie, who is dying of cancer. He falls in love with her at first sight. Jodie fails to tell him the truth about Rachel, but at one of Jodie's fashionable parties, a celebrity informs him that Rachel is "not what she seems". This does not deter John from sexual involvement with Rachel. They agree to meet in Paris, but before they do, Rachel dies in horrifying circumstances. The book ends with John, waiting to meet his cousin in Oporto, unable to feel despair at his loss because the drugs he is taking do not allow him to do so.

John is described as having created a routine of living which was a "timetable for survival", a means by which he could stave off his worst moods, a "rut" which he learnt to love, which was fostered and supported by the three varieties of drugs which he was taking. The routine is described in great detail.

He would take his tea and post to the bathroom, placing the mail on the window-sill between two bottles of ivory-coloured gel. He would place his tea on a narrow circular table which was edged with brightly coloured shells. Then he would clean his teeth. He favoured a clear green toothpaste, pumped from a linear dispenser. His bath follows, described in equal detail. All this takes so long that it is mid-morning before he is ready to go out. Shopping follows; and, since he now lives in Worthing, he is able, on fine days, to enjoy a snack lunch on the balcony of his house.

John's routine is described as constituting "an escape from confusion and terror", but the author's description of it convinces one that he himself must be as obsessional as the protagonist of his novel. John comes across as so intensely boring that the reader immediately sympathises with his wife's abandonment of him.

However, the detailed descriptions of London bear witness to the author's sharp powers of observation; and he does raise an important question. How far is it justifiable to assuage the pains of living with drugs? In Britain, losing one's marital partner is almost as common as losing one's purse. Does such a calamity need the dulling balm of Prozac? It is arguable that not facing pain head-on delays recovery. Moreover, although Prozac did not abolish sexual desire in John's case, gross diminution of the sex drive is a well-recognized side-effect. One somewhat sinister accompaniment of this chemical castration is that Prozac is also said to give confidence to the socially timid, turning the shy into high-powered salesmen. Is this what we want?

This novel may not be a great work of art, but it raises disturbing questions about what one writer has dubbed "cosmetic pharmacology". All effective drugs have undesirable side-effects and although anti-depressants certainly have their uses in dealing with severe depressive illness, there is little doubt that they are too often prescribed for too long at a time.

*Dr Anthony Storr is a psychiatrist. His books include* Solitude, Churchill's Black Dog *and* Music and the Mind.



*Watching a Memory*, a composition by Gordon Parks, the octogenarian photo-artist, from his collection of poems and photography *Arias in Silence* (Little, Brown, £27.50)

# Darkness at midnight

**Kathy O'Shaughnessy**

SHELTER
**By Jayne Anne Phillips**
*Faber, £14.99*

Twelve years after her remarkable first novel, *Machine Dreams*, the American Jayne Anne Phillips has finally produced her second, *Shelter*. The narrative at once shows certain talents, which were already apparent in *Machine Dreams* and in her two volumes of short stories: a carefully wrought prose and a gift for giving accurate shape to the concealed nuances of experience.

The setting is a West Virginian girls' camp, summer 1963. Each chapter is told from one of four characters' point of view: Alma, Lenny, Buddy and Parson. Alma and Lenny are sisters, aged 12 and 15 respectively. Buddy is a small, wild boy, terrified by his violent stepfather, Carmody. Parson, one of the workmen laying pipes round the camp, is deranged; he sees the devil everywhere.

Not a great deal happens, but we enter their lives, and gradually understand what's going on. Buddy wants to get away from Carmody. Alma has a best friend, Delia, whose father died in an accident recently. Their friendship is complicated by the fact that Alma's mother was having an affair with Delia's father before he died. Does Delia know? It is not clear. When Delia sleepwalks, Alma looks at her eyes and feels sure that Delia *does* know, without knowing she knows.

"Knowing" is central to Jayne Anne Phillips's endeavour. The main characters, Alma and Lenny, are on the threshold of adulthood. Sex and guilt surround them like phantom forbidden fruit, knowledge waiting to be plucked. The atmosphere is pregnant with violence that will later erupt. This provides the novel's suspense.

Explicitly, violence is voiced by Carmody, his thoughts rendered, like the others, in italics that are faintly portentous: "*Know what it's like to kill someone, kill them with your hands? I killed her and I'd kill her again.*" (The italics appear to signify that we are being given access to the characters' most archetypal thoughts.) Implicitly, violence is present in descriptions of objects or nature. "Browned and buttered, the rolls tore like innocent, bloodless flesh." The night is "bruised" with moonlight, bats emit "the silent scream of the community", and so on.

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Jayne Anne Phillips: accurately shapes her experience

There is no doubt about Phillips's talent. The children in the camp sleep at night, "pearling the night with their breath". This is beautiful prose, pitching a narrative of dream-like intensity. It gives an impression of depth that does not last: as they are reduced to the sum of their instinctive impulses, the characters stop being characters.

The climax arrives when Lenny and Alma encounter the violent Carmody. In the words of the blurb, "the sisters confront a terrible darkness". But this scenario — where the "primal" wilderness is the setting for an act or ritual of violence — is wearisomely familiar. The premise involves a vaguely mystic correlation between the "dark" forces of nature and the dark side of the human psyche. It is a fake correlation, intended to amplify and aggrandise: "Alma wanted to feel the anger rain down on her, wanted a series of screams that opened out until the earth shook, howls that would shatter glasses and stone, cries that were empty like the wind is empty..."

What a pity. Reading *Shelter* is like watching a play where the characters speak terrific poetry, but the drama itself is predictable, which makes the poetry redundant. *Everything in Shelter* is intelligently, beautifully described, but for what? One longs for a bit of coarse life, to shake the novel out of its brooding atmosphere. By now it is a cliché from American films that we are bored with: the idea that psychopathic horror is a sure path to profundity.

# Tales of a Polish Casanova

**James Woodall**

THE MANUSCRIPT FOUND IN SARAGOSSA
**By Jan Potocki**
*Viking, £16*

RARE ARE the books that seem to have been published as an act of pure idealism. There is no obvious commercial reason for translating from French and publishing a picaresque text of Gothic horror stories some 200 years after it was written.

Still, you can hear the incantations in Viking's publicity department when dreaming up a campaign for Jan Potocki's *The Manuscript Found in Saragossa*: "Chaucer meets Angela Carter and Brett Easton Ellis". "Dante and Magic Realism go to Moorish Spain". Happily, we've been spared any of that. Instead Viking has produced a beautiful volume, underlining Potocki's forgotten masterpiece as a work of real substance.

*The Manuscript Found in Saragossa* is bizarre, relentlessly inventive, and decidedly not a novel. It is more a textbook of crazy magic. Its models might be *Tristram Shandy* (without the perpetual jokiness), and, going further back, Boccaccio's *Decameron*. Spanning some 600 pages, this book, while genuinely entertaining, is told with absolute fictive integrity.

Its author was a swashbuckling Polish nobleman of the early-Romantic Byronic mode. He helped to found ethnology, travelled all over the world, was one of the first men to go up in a balloon, fought with the Austrians, and dabbled in the politics of France and Russia. Twice married, he had five children (there may have been incest — of course) and shot himself in 1815 with, it is said, a home-made silver bullet.

In *The Manuscript Found in Saragossa*, Potocki's only full-blown work, he allowed himself something that many a contemporary novelist would envy: to dispense with the slightest whiff of veracity or "literary" structure. The tales, which is what this book consists of — dozens of them — just unfold.

The method is strikingly modern. Borges could have invented the scenario. An officer in the French Army during Napoleon's Spanish campaign finds some notebooks in an abandoned house in the Aragonese capital, Saragossa; he filches them, is captured, and asks a sympathetic Spanish captain to translate the text into French. He writes it down from dictation.

The result is the "manuscript" of the title, a catalogue of tales recored by a certain Alfonse van Worden in diary form over 66 days. He has been sent by his father in 1739 from Wallonia to join the Spanish Army, but is waylaid in the Sierra Morena, the mountain range separating Castile from Andalusia.

Holed up in an inn, Alfonse is then joined by a gang of gypsies, cabbalists and hermits, who choose to tell each other the stories of their lives. Alfonse sets them all down without any attempt at narrative logic: characters appear in each story only to tell their own stories, within which there are sometimes further stories.

Thus we have tales of Arabia, of ancient Rome and Egypt, of hangings, spontaneous murders, demonism and incarceration. For Alfonse himself Potocki reserved scenes of magnificent seduction. The author clearly enjoyed getting his bewildered narrator into bed with an array of ethereal maidens, sometimes one, sometimes two, or more, at a time, and tantalisingly closing the curtains. What Alfonse wakes up to is invariably devilish.

IN THE best post-modernist sense, *The Manuscript Found in Saragossa* is a useless book, a book of Barthesian "*jouissance*" if ever there was one. There is no evidence that the great French critic of signs and inter-texuality ever came across it — an interpretation by Barthes would have ensured its earlier translation, and elevation, no doubt, to something bordering on cult status. As it is, the text appeared in France for the first time anywhere only five years ago — a true literary "find" nicely reflecting the fictional find of the title.

Its publication in English should be welcomed. The translation by Ian MacLean is crisp, lucid and unfussy. Between them he and Viking have put on the map a neglected work of remarkable eccentricity, which happens also to be readable.

*James Woodall is writing a life of Jorge Luis Borges.*

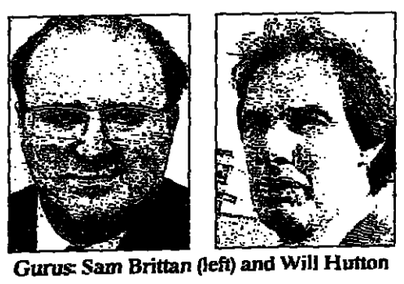
# In the long run we are all free

**Bruce Anderson**

CAPITALISM WITH A HUMAN FACE
**By Samuel Brittan**
*Edward Elgar, £15.95*

THE STATE WE'RE IN
**By Will Hutton**
*Jonathan Cape, £16.99*

Sir Samuel Brittan has produced his own *Festschrift*. As well as a re-examination of some of the main issues which have preoccupied him during a generation of economic commentary, *Capitalism with a Human Face* includes a lively intellectual autobiography. But the author is as concerned with politics and morals as with economics. There is one error which he is especially determined to refute: the idea that there is a necessary connection between market economics and right-wing politics.



Gurus: Sam Brittan (left) and Will Hutton

By temperament a man of the centre-left, Brittan will have none of it. To him, market economics is an essential part of the armoury of free men, if they are to resist "the absurdities produced by the moral authoritarians and the economic collectivists alike". His first paragraph insists that "the individualist ethic is not merely defended but celebrated in this collection of essays, as a humane approach which allows plenty of scope for altruism and fraternity". A bold claim, but the text vindicates it.

It is clear that the problem of unemployment gnaws away at Brittan's peace of mind. There is no attempt to evade the distress behind the statistics. But he is dismissive of facile welfarist arguments, and has no patience with those who consider it immoral to recognise the market-clearing functions of pay and prices. Brittan offers no easy comfort. For him, the only way to tackle the problem is to eliminate supply-side rigidities, while finding ways of compensating the casualties without destroying the gains from trade and technology: classical economics plus a safety net.

He does not address himself directly to the spectre which is now haunting the unemployment debate: the fear that the Luddites may eventually be proved right. For 200 years, technological improvements and the liberalisation of world trade have created more than enough new jobs to replace the ones which they eliminated. The danger is that in future, this will no longer be the case — or at least, that the jobs which might emerge would be so low-grade as to be incapable of sustaining a first-world standard of living. A market-clearing competition with Far Eastern labour is not an enticing prospect.

In his pursuit of a means of alleviating hardship without undermining productive capacity, Brittan considers the possibility of providing every adult with a basic income. But any comprehensive scheme would involve hideous costs: and any scheme which did not involve hideous costs would not be comprehensive.

As befits his restless intelligence, perennially sceptical of conventional wisdom, Brittan raises more questions than he answers. But this is a stimulating volume: one to sip, ponder and savour: a significant contribution to current debate.

The same cannot be said of Will Hutton's book, although it does have some similarities with Sir Samuel's. *The State We're In*, too, is more preoccupied with politics and morality than with economics, but at a vastly less sophisticated level. Hutton has one overriding problem: his intelligence constantly pulls him away from his prejudices. He would like to indulge himself in a simple diatribe against Lady Thatcher and all her works, and to call for an equally simple-minded programme of radical change: at one stage, he does insist that Britain must "recast its economy, political structures and society". But he is honest enough to acknowledge some inconvenient facts.

He admits the success of Thatcherite supply-side reforms, plus the failure of the social chapter and similar policies to deal with unemployment on the Continent; he is also aware of the threat from the East. He agrees that the last Labour Government ended in economic failure and intellectual bankruptcy. Even if he does try to rehabilitate Keynesianism, he cannot muster any conviction behind the attempt. His chapter on "Why Keynesian Economics is Best" is the weakest in the book (there is competition), and should not be blamed on Keynes. It includes a childish caricature of market economics which could not survive two minutes' debate with Sir Samuel Brittan. Growth is Hutton's desideratum (who would disagree?), but this book was obviously finished before the present recovery had gained momentum. The growth rate is now about as fast as is sustainable.

Will Hutton, a generous fellow, is upset at the state of mankind: but unlike that equally generous fellow Sam Brittan, he is not prepared to delve his way into the dilemmas with hard thinking. Hutton's hero Keynes advised the Liberal Party in the days when Liberals still took ideas seriously. Hutton's book would do very well for today's Liberal Democrats.

# Nobody's perfect

I ENJOY the thought that most human effort is expended in the ingenious satisfaction of a few basic needs and desires. Consider the glorious diversity apparent in our pursuit of food, drink, warmth and sex.

Richard Gordon's **Human Frailties** *(Sinclair-Stevenson, £16.99) makes a similar case for our* failings. Greed, lust, cruelty, credulity, culpable carelessness, helpless addiction and thoughtless indignation account for a great deal of human life. Or do they?

Major unpleasantness is rare. I agree with Stephen Gould that "ten thousand acts of kindness" — and not unbridled savagery — are the inconspicuous rule on the average day. But frailties of the quiet and private kind abound.

Gordon dwells on these gentler failings. Occasional glimpses of the dark face of our nature are not meant to dispirit us unduly. The keynote is irreverent delight in human folly.

Some of the examples are familiar: the bursting of the South Sea Bubble, stretched beyond endurance by directors' and investors' greed; the fate of the "unsinkable" *Titanic*, launched with lifeboats for only half its passengers; De Quincey's discovery of the "the secret of happiness... corked up in a pint bottle", more costly than it seemed (although he survived TB and lived, despite opium, to the age of 74).

OTHER TALES are unfamiliar, and astonishing. Speculation in tulip bulbs became so heated in 17th-century Holland that a red, white and blue "Semper Augustus" fetched 4,600 florins (well above a top annual salary) with "a new and well-made carriage and two dapple grey horses and all accessories" thrown in. An unfortunate sailor trading in Amsterdam mistook one for an onion and consumed it raw. He was pursued by the owner and jailed for some months.

*Le vice anglais*, the infliction of pleasurable pain, receives its due share of attention. Edith Cresson would not be astonished to learn that in the last century at Eton "half a guinea for birches was charged on every boy's termly bill, whether he had the use of them or not".

We are all, in our own ways, experts on human frailty, whether we choose the major or the minor league of sin. Many of us would share Florence Nightingale's view. Given to implanting opium "with a silver knife under the skin of her thigh," she remarked sadly, "It does not improve the vivacity or serenity of one's intellect."

What of Gordon's own frailties? He is reticent, insisting that "the lifestyle of an ageing author is insufferably dull". Apart from a taste for bad puns, it is hard to fault this seasoned entertainer.

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# Power to block winding-up advertisement

**In re Companies (Nos 007923 and 007924 of 1994)**

Before Lord Justice Nourse and Lord Justice Waite

[Judgment January 18]

The court had power under rule 4.11(1) of the Insolvency Rules (SI 1986 No 1925) to restrain the advertisement of a petition for the compulsory winding up of a company.

In the case of a petition presented by the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry against a solvent company on the ground of public interest under section 124A of the Insolvency Act 1986, as inserted by section 60 of the Companies Act 1989, that power was to be exercised if the circumstances were appropriate and the company could show that advertisement might cause serious damage to its reputation.

The Court of Appeal so held allowing an appeal by two companies from the refusal by Mr Justice Ferris on December 19, 1994 to direct that the winding-up petitions be not advertised.

Mr Leslie Kosmin QC and Miss Fernanda Pirie for the companies; Mr Roger Kaye, QC, for the secretary of state.

LORD JUSTICE NOURSE said that rule 4.11(1) applied to all petitions for compulsory winding up and provided that "unless the court otherwise directs, the petition shall be advertised once in the Gazette".

The secretary of state, pursuant to section 124A of the 1986 Act, had presented petitions against two associated insurance broking companies on the ground that it was expedient in the public interest that they be wound up. Breaches of section 2 of the Insurance Companies Act 1982 were alleged. The companies sought to restrain advertisement of the petitions until after a full hearing on the merits.

The principal subject of debate had been the test to be applied in deciding whether to direct that a petition presented under section 124A should not be advertised.

Mr Justice Ferris in refusing the application had applied principles laid down in *Coulon Sanderson & Ward Ltd v Ward* ([1986] 2 BCC 99, 207) and *SN Group plc v Barclays Bank plc* ([1993] BCC 506). A party, he said, "which has presented a petition should not be restrained from proceeding with that petition, including the advertisement of the petition in accordance with the rules, unless there is prima facie evidence that the petition is more or less bound to fail, in which case the court may be prepared to conclude that the petition is an abuse of the process."

Mr Kosmin was correct in submitting that the judge had been wrong to equate the test to be adodpted on an application to restrain advertisement of a petition already on the file with that adopted on an application to restrain the presentation of one which had not yet reached it.

That the test applied in *Coulon Sanderson & Ward Ltd* could not be equally applicable to a restraint on advertisement was demonstrated by the discretion exerciseable under rule 4.11(1), which did not come into a decision on abuse of process.

What then was the test to be applied in the case of a public interest petition? There were relevant considerations different from those applicable where there was an allegation of insolvency.

Mr Justice Brightman's observations in *In re Golden Chemical Products Ltd* ([1976] Ch 300, 309-310) were valuable in determining the court's approach.

Mr Kaye said that there was no known case in which the advertisement of a public interest petition had been restrained, either permanently or temporarily.

The only case in which the question had arisen was *In re a Company (No 007946 of 1993)* ([1994] 1 BCLC 565) where Mr Justice Morritt had correctly held that since rule 4.11(1) required advertisement unless the court otherwise directed, it was for the company to show sufficient reason to depart from the normal practice. On the facts and in the exercise of his discretion, Mr Justice Morritt had refused to direct restraint.

Here Mr Justice Ferris had not exercised his discretion because he had thought, erroneously, that he had to apply a test in which no such exercise was involved. Thus the court had to exercise its own discretion in the matter in the circumstances of the case as they stood today.

Restraint on advertisement would not, at all events in the short term, deprive creditors of the companies of any significant advantage; contributories already had effective notice of the petitions and those who might trade with the companies before determination of the matter would be protected by the order under section 127 of the 1986 Act.

Those considerations would not, however, together provide a sufficient ground for departing from the normal practice. Unless the companies could show that advertisement might cause serious damage to the reputation and financial stability of the companies, advertisement there had to be.

Although it had been well observed that the harmful effects of advertisement were liable to be exaggerated, the companies' evidence was sufficient to establish that it could cause serious damage to their reputation and financial stability.

The petition should not be advertised pending the imminent hearing of the application for a provisional liquidator. Thereafter the matter would rest with the decision of the judge conducting it.

Lord Justice Waite gave a concurring judgment.

Solicitors: Berrymans; Treasury Solicitor.

# Restraining parent from seeking contact order

**In re F (Minors) (Contact: Restraint order)**

Before Lord Justice Nourse and Lord Justice Waite

[Judgment January 20]

The exercise of the power given by section 91(14) of the Children Act 1989 enabling a person to be restrained from making an application under the Act without first obtaining leave of the court was a draconian measure of last resort. It would normally only be appropriate to make an order to prevent a threatened abuse by vexatious or oppressive parties of the right of access to the courts afforded by the Act.

The Court of Appeal so held allowing a father's appeal from the refusal by Judge Wroath in August 1994 of leave to make an application under section 8 of the Act for a contact order.

Mr Lee Young for the father; Mr Gary Fawcett for the mother.

LORD JUSTICE WAITE said that the appeal concerned two girls aged seven and six who were the subject of a determined, but largely unsuccessful, effort by their father to achieve contact with them. There was no suggestion that he was an unsuitable person to have contact. The root of the cause of the problem was the mother's hostility to the idea of it.

The last attempt at breaking the impasse had been a direction by Judge Milligan in April 1993 that the girls should have the assistance of a psychiatrist. That direction had been accompanied by an order under section 91(14) prohibiting the father from making any further application without leave.

Refusing leave on the ground that the father's application was doomed to failure, Judge Wroath had held that "... the implacable hostility of the mother is so deeply rooted, and so total, that she will never agree to contact and she will always do her best to try and make sure that it does not happen. I am satisfied in this case that we have reached a situation where under no circumstances could it now be in these children's interests to try and force contact upon them at the present time."

For the father, it was contended that the judge was in error in reaching prematurely at the stage of what was only a leave application and on very limited evidence a conclusion of his own on an issue of the utmost gravity, namely whether a father should be deprived of contact with his children for what might be the rest of their childhood. That issue, it was claimed, should have been left for decision at the substantive hearing.

A direction under section 91(14) had been described as a draconian sanction of last resort: principally appropriate when there was a a real fear that children might become distressed or have their security disturbed through the vexatious or ill-judged or obsessive pursuit by a party of the litigious process.

It would be surprising if Judge Milligan had intended to apply the power for that purpose: he was to be presumed to have thought that the girls ought to be given a respite from proceedings while the psychiatric assessment directed by him proceeded.

The two major criticisms of Judge Wroath's decision made by Mr Young were that he had failed to take account of the very limited purposes for which the original section 91(14) restraint on application had been imposed and that he had given no proper consideration to the alternative possibilities that might yet be explored if the application under section 8 were to be allowed to proceed with the assistance of an independent guardian *ad litem*.

Both criticisms were well founded. It was not at all the type of case in which a section 91(14) order would normally be appropriate: the father, although determined, was neither vexatious nor oppressive in his genuine attempts to further the welfare of his daughters by maintaining contact with them.

The original order having been granted for the limited purpose of providing a quietus during psychiatric assessment, there were clearly strong grounds for taking the view that it would be inappropriate to refuse leave for future applications once it had become apparent that that original purpose had failed.

The judge was also wrong to have treated the father's proposed application as a crude attempt to bludgeon the mother and children to submit to a level of contact which they all opposed. All he sought at that stage was some regime which kept the door open to contact and eased the way for its introduction.

The judge had showed an unfortunate failure to have regard to the well established principles on which the court acted when confronted with mothers who had prevented contact through hostility or defiance: see *In re W (a Minor: Contact)* ([1994] 2 FLR 441, 447-9).

The starting point always was that every child had a right to be brought up in knowledge of his non-custodial parent. That was a right which the courts were determined to preserve. Save in the most exceptional circumstances a custodial parent would not be allowed to deprive the child of that right through his or her own obduracy or by adopting an attitude which resulted in the child itself becoming averse to contact with the non-custodial parent.

The application for leave to apply should be allowed, the substantive hearing should proceed in the High Court, the minors should be joined and represented by the official solicitor and their guardian *ad litem* should have leave to consult a psychiatrist.

Lord Justice Nourse agreed.

Solicitors: Hodkinsons, Park Gate; Warner Goodman & Streat, Fareham.

# Right of appeal against VAT surcharge

**Dollar Land (Feltham) Ltd and Others v Commissioners of Customs and Excise**

Before Mr Justice Judge

[Judgment January 27]

The right of appeal to a VAT tribunal under section 40(1)(o) and (p) of the Value Added Tax Act 1983 against liability to pay a VAT surcharge did not include a right to appeal against the commissioners' discretionary power whether or not to make an assessment in order to surcharge, so that any failure by the commissioners properly to discharge their duty to exercise that discretion could only be remedied by recourse to judicial review.

Mr Justice Judge so held in the Queen's Bench Division when dismissing the appeal of Dollar Land (Feltham) Ltd, Dollar Land (Cumbernauld) Ltd and Dollar Land (Calthorpe House) Ltd against the decision of a VAT tribunal sitting at London of June 28, 1993 to uphold the decision of the Commissioners of Customs and Excise to assess the appellants in order to surcharge them for their defaults in the payment of VAT.

The tribunal had decided that the commissioners had failed to exercise their discretion as to whether to make an assessment in order to surcharge but that the surcharges should have been imposed in any event.

Section 40 of the 1983 Act provides: "(1) An appeal shall lie to the value added tax tribunal ... against the decision of the commissioners with respect to any of the following matters ... (o) any liability to a penalty or surcharge by virtue of any of sections 13 to 17 and 19 of the Finance Act 1985; (p) the amount of any penalty, interest or surcharge specified in an assessment under section 21 of that Act."

Mr Alan Moses and Mr Kevin Prosser for the applicant; Mr Stephen Richards for the commissioners.

MR JUSTICE JUDGE said a distinction was to be drawn between an appellate and a supervisory jurisdiction. The former permitted the tribunal to consider whether commissioners' decisions were based on appropriate evidence and correct in the application of law. The latter enabled the tribunal to review the decision of the commissioners.

In the various tribunal decisions in the area the starting point with section 40(1)(o) was that the express basis of any appeal was liability to a surcharge, not the assessment or amount. In *Food Engineering Ltd v Commissioners of Customs and Excise* (unreported, February 14, 1992) the tribunal said that its jurisdiction in relation to section 40(1)(o) appeals was supervisory.

The tribunal in the present case concluded that the decision to assess to a surcharge was a decision "with respect to liability" and indeed fell "within the jurisdiction of the tribunal under section 40(1)(p)".

The present argument concerned not liability to surcharge nor, at any rate directly, the amount of the assessment to surcharge. The question in issue was the exercise of the commissioners' discretion to assess to surcharge.

The words "with respect to any of the following matters" in section 40(1) did not provide a basis for concluding that paragraphs (o) and (p) gave rise to implied rights to appeal against the decision to assess nor did anything else in section 40.

The remedy against any improper exercise of the commissioners' discretionary power to impose a surcharge would be an appeal to the High Court by way of judicial review.

Solicitors: Leslie Hyman, Golders Green; Solicitor, Customs and Excise.

# Sentence increased despite remorse

**Regina v Brown (Garry)**

Before Lord Taylor of Gosforth, Lord Chief Justice, Mr Justice McKinnon and Mr Justice Judge

[Judgment January 26]

Personal elements of mitigation and matters such as acute feelings of guilt and depression of a temporary nature should not deflect the court from passing a sentence appropriate to the gravity of a case.

The Court of Appeal, Criminal Division, so held on a reference by the Attorney-General (No 39 of 1994) of an 18-month sentence passed on Garry Brown, aged 34, by Judge Harkins at Newcastle upon Tyne Crown Court on a plea of guilty to causing death by driving without reasonable consideration for other road users, with twice the legal limit of alcohol in his breath, contrary to section 3A of the Road Traffic Act 1988, as inserted by section 3 of the Road Traffic Act 1991.

Mr Mark Dennis for the Attorney-General; Mr Christopher Walton for the offender.

THE LORD CHIEF JUSTICE, giving the judgment of the court said that the offender, driving a car on a road in Jarrow, at a speed exceeding the 30mph speed limit at 8.25pm in January 1994 collided with Michael Mullen, aged 72. He was able to walk only slowly and was on a pedestrian crossing, walking towards the near-side kerb. He had reached within five feet of it when the collision occurred. He died 5½ hours later.

In mitigation the court had heard that the offender had suffered remorse to a remarkable degree. Reports from two psychiatrists showed that he had taken his guilt and plight as a result of causing the death very badly indeed. He had a depressive illness, which had required his removal to hospital. A recent report stated that there was a goodly degree of self pity and that the ultimate prognosis was good.

Their Lordships had to say, and they did not wish to sound harsh and unsympathetic in doing so, that personal elements of mitigation and matters such as acute guilt feelings and depression of a temporary nature were not such as should deflect the court from passing a sentence appropriate to the gravity of the case.

The sentence was unduly lenient. It was increased to four years and a five-year disqualification order was not varied.

Solicitors: CPS, HQ; Sinton & Co, Newcastle upon Tyne.

# Value irrelevant

**Regina v Cowley**

*In fining an accused for an offence of possessing a shotgun without a certificate the value of the shotgun had no relevance in assessing the appropriate amount of the fine.*

The Court of Appeal (Lord Justice Evans, Mr Justice Morland and Mr Justice Gage) so stated on January 20 in allowing an appeal by Paul Cowley against a fine of £1,200 for an offence of possessing a shotgun without a certificate to which he pleaded guilty in November 1993 at the Inner London Crown Court before Judge Selwood.

MR JUSTICE GAGE said that possessing an unlicensed shotgun was not just a technical offence. The purpose of the licence was to regulate possession of shotguns to enable the authorities to inspect and monitor the way in which they were kept.

The offence therefore called for a substantial fine but their Lordships could not see the relevance of the value of the £600 gun to the level of fine. The fine was manifestly excessive being one and half times the appellant's net monthly income.

The amount of the fine would be reduced to £530, which took into account the cost of two licences which should have been paid for and the order for £100 towards prosecution costs would be reduced to £50. It was a matter which could have been dealt with in the magistrates court.

## Scots Law Report February 2 1995 Court of Session

# Remedy for purchaser of business who claims fraudulent warranty

**Fortune v Fraser**

Before the Lord Justice-Clerk (Lord Ross), Lord Morison and Lord Osborne

[Judgment December 2]

There was no exception to the prohibition of the *actio quanti minoris* as a remedy on a contract of sale in a case where the contract contained elements both of sale and lease; nor in a case of breach of warranty; nor in a case based on allegations of fraud; and, while there was an exception where matters were no longer entire and substantial restitution was no longer possible, where the subject of sale was a business, the fact the purchasers had run the business for six months would not have prevented substantial restitution.

The Second Division of the Inner House of the Court of Session so held, allowing in part an appeal by Mr Alistair Matthewson Fortune and Ms Christine Evelyn Jackson against a decision of the sheriff principal who had allowed an appeal by Dr William Alexander Balfour Fraser against the allowance by the sheriff of proof before answer in an action of reparation brought by Mr Fortune and Ms Jackson, and had dismissed the action.

Mr Arthur Hamilton, QC and Mr Nicholas Ellis for the pursuers and appellants; Mr Roy Martin, QC and Mr Colin Tyre for the defender and respondent.

THE LORD JUSTICE-CLERK said that the pursuers were the purchasers under a contract for the sale of a business and for the lease of the subjects from which the business was conducted.

There had been annexed to the contract financial accounts of the business, which the defender had warranted were accurate. The pursuers averred that they had been running the business for about six months when they had discovered that the turnover and profits of the business were not as stated in the accounts.

By that time, it was said that they had by their efforts increased the turnover and that the nature of the business had changed. Their case in contract was that when the defender had given the contractual warranty, he had been aware that the account was inaccurate; and that in any event he had had no belief in its accuracy. They averred that the warranty had been made fraudulently, and that the defender was in breach of warranty.

They sought damages representing the difference between the price paid for the business and the agreed rent, and the value and rent that they alleged would have obtained had true accounts been exhibited.

The pursuers argued that the prohibition of the *actio quanti minoris* applied only to contracts of sale, and did not extend to the present contract because it was a composite contract providing for both a sale and the grant of a lease; that the prohibition did not apply to a case brought on breach of warranty; that it did not apply where fraud was alleged; and that, in any event, the *actio quanti minoris* was available to them because matters were no longer entire, and accordingly *restitutio in integrum* was not possible.

In contracts of sale to which the Sale of Goods Act 1979 did not apply, the general rule was that the purchaser who found that the subjects of the sale were not in accordance with the contract was not entitled to retain the subjects and demand an abatement from the contract price to compensate him for the disconformity in the subjects, and his only remedy was to rescind the contract, tender redelivery of the subjects, and demand repayment of the price, less the true value (and not the contract value) of any part of the subjects which had been consumed or wrought up so as to be incapable of redelivery: see *M'Cormick & Co v F E Rittmeyer & Co* ((1869) 7 M 854) *per* Lord President Inglis).

His Lordship was satisfied that the present contract should be regarded, not as a mixed contract, but as one of sale together with an ancillary agreement to grant a lease of the business premises.

Moreover, there was no authority for an exception to the prohibition of the *actio quanti minoris* in the case of composite contracts: see *Bryson & Co Ltd v Bryson* ((1916) 1 SLT 361); *Smith v Sim* (1954 SC 357).

Nor was there an exception to the prohibition in the case of a provision in a contract in which, as here, the seller "warranted" that certain statements were true.

The use of the verb "warrant" did not change the nature of the provision, which was a material term of the contract. The effect of a material breach of the term was the same as that of any material term.

Similarly, notwithstanding the decision in *Widdowson v Hunter* (1989 SLT 478), there was no exception to the prohibition of the *actio quanti minoris* where it was alleged that fraud had been involved in the conclusion of the contract: see *Bryson & Co Ltd: Smith v Sim*).

It was not in dispute that the *actio quanti minoris* was available where *restitutio in integrum* could not be effected because matters were no longer entire. However, neither a change in the nature of a business, nor the use and replacement of stock would prevent substantial restitution: see *Westville Shipping Co v Abram Steamship Co* (1992 SC 571).

In any event, upon restitution any consumption of stock could be met by an appropriate adjustment of the price, as the Lord President had explained in *M'Cormick & Co*. The pursuers had made no relevant averments of changed circumstances such as to prevent substantial restitution.

The pursuers had also advanced a second ground of action, which was, that before the contract had been concluded, the defender had exhibited the accounts to them, and had represented them to be true.

The pursuers averred that that had constituted a fraudulent or negligent misrepresentation which had induced them to enter the contract. Accordingly, the appeal so far as it was related to the case in contract would be refused, but proof before answer of the parties' averments relative to fraudulent or negligent misrepresentation would be allowed.

LORD MORISON said that he agreed that the case should be dealt with as had been proposed by his Lordship in the chair. However, he observed, *inter alia*, that the prohibition against the *actio quanti minoris* should not be extended beyond its present application.

LORD OSBORNE, dissenting, said that he agreed with his Lordship in the chair on all of the arguments raised by the pursuers, save one. The prohibition of the *actio quanti minoris* had application only to contracts of sale that were not subject to the Sale of Goods Acts 1979.

The present contract was in his Lordship's opinion a composite contract containing elements of both sale and lease. Each part was of equal importance and was dependent upon the other.

Accordingly, in the absence of authority compelling that conclusion, it could not be characterised simply as a contract of sale.

It was not clear to his Lordship from the classic statement of the prohibition of the *actio quanti minoris* in *McCormick & Co v F E Rittmeyer & Co* what the justification for the prohibition was supposed to have been. In modern commercial conditions, it was a principle possessing no positive value and unnecessarily restricting the freedom of contracting parties.

Their Lordships had been informed that this particular area of law was currently under critical consideration by the Scottish Law Commission.

His Lordship would characterise the prohibition as a principle of questionable ancestry, contrary to the general principles of the law of contract, which denied a purchaser the remedy of damages without rescission, and was without contemporary justification.

It should not be applied beyond the area in which direct authority required that to be done. No authority had been cited for the application of the prohibition in circumstances parallel to those at issue.

In those circumstances, his Lordship saw no justification for its application to the present case. His Lordship would have been for allowing a proof before answer on the whole case.

Law agents: Balfour & Manson, Nightingale & Bell; Brodies, WS.

# The Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy

**The following were successful at the final examinations of the Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy**

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# Deylaud's talents gain support in opposition camp



**David Hands** finds Rob Andrew, the England stand-off, has inside information on an old French friend

Should you see Rob Andrew and Christophe Deylaud exchange a nod, or even a handshake, before England play France at Twickenham on Saturday, do not be surprised. Even the general rivalry of five nations' championship rugby and the particular confrontation of the respective stand-off halves will not quell the friendship the men struck up during Andrew's brief time with Toulouse.

There are certain positions on a rugby field — the front row the most obvious — where the looks are grim, the teeth are bared. If the match already immortalised in popular prose as *le crunch* lives up to its sobriquet, the hits will be harder, the mistakes more expensive than any in the championship, but the contrived "anger" of sport is not Andrew's way.

"In my position it's less of a one-on-one situation," Andrew said. "When I was living in France I got on very well with Christophe. He's a lovely bloke." It was a comfort for Andrew that he became friendly with a player in direct competition for the No 10 shirt during the year he spent with Toulouse, during 1991-92.

When his company suggested a spot of French leave, Andrew found himself regarded with some suspicion anyway, regardless of the local support for Philippe Rougé-Thomas, the incumbent stand-off, and the recently-introduced Deylaud, who had moved from Toulon to become Rougé-Thomas's successor.

Indeed, with Rougé-Thomas still available and Andrew winning club selection for the start of the 1992-93 season, Deylaud moved to centre, the position in which he won his first four caps, against Romania, Argentina and South Africa. "He's a bit unorthodox but a very good footballer," Andrew said diplomatically.

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There were occasions when Andrew was horrified at the unjustified risks taken by his French colleagues — not necessarily Deylaud — which cost Toulouse victory in significant club matches. "You're never quite sure what he will do next and this is what England must watch for on Saturday," he said. "I'm sure we will try and put pressure on him and Accoceberry [the France scrum half] because he loves attacking, loves putting the ball through the hands. You might describe him as a Paul Turner-type, though perhaps not quite as sophisticated as Turner."

Deylaud, 30 and a sports instructor, has spent much of this season recovering from a shoulder injury and did not dominate in France's win over Wales last month. A mercurial, fiery and occasionally argumentative character, all the weight as playmaker fell on his shoulders since his scrum half partner acted only as a link, never once breaking or kicking, but Pierre Berbizier, the France coach, made a point of expressing his confidence in his stand-off afterwards.

At 5ft 5in and 11st 7lb there is not a lot of the shock-haired Deylaud, but Andrew compliments him on his strength: "He's wiry, quite a tough character, he doesn't mind taking ball into contact. He's much stronger than he looks. The way things turned out at Toulouse we were able to play together pretty effectively and the style of play brought the best out of both of us.

"Christophe was an exponent of the Pierre Villepreux style of rugby and Toulouse needed a player like that to make them tick." Deylaud was never more influential for his club than last June, when he guided them to a 22-16 win over Montferrand in the championship final, contributing 17 points through three penalty goals, two dropped goals and a conversion.

"We can't underestimate him in any way," Andrew said. "He can kick off both feet and, if he thinks it's on to run, he will have a go." The fact that Berbizier has confirmed Deylaud's standing as playmaker only emphasises the perception of the little Frenchman who will hope to do what Didier Camberabero did when France visited Twickenham four years ago for that classic grand slam encounter.

Camberabero was on the losing side but helped to create three tries to England's one. The French No 10 shirt has been an unsettled area since his departure but now they have another small, scuttling player eager to leave his mark on the big occasion. England, at least, will be well briefed.

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# France forced into change on wing

**EMILE N'TAMACK, the Toulouse wing, has been forced by a thigh injury to withdraw from the France team to play England at Twickenham in the five nations' championship rugby match on Saturday (David Hands writes).**

**France therefore miss the opportunity to field the team that not only beat Wales last month, but also New Zealand last summer. Philippe Bernat-Salles, 24, from Pau, has been promoted from the A team for his ninth cap.**

**Martin Bayfield, the Northampton lock, was unable to train with England owing to a bout of influenza, but is confident of playing. Since Simon Shaw, of Bristol, was attached to the squad as cover primarily for Martin Johnson, who has been suffering from a strained hamstring, England were not inconvenienced as they worked out on a muddy pitch at Richmond, though Will Carling, the captain, did not complete a long session because of a bruised knee.**

**The traditional throwing-down of gauntlets has begun with Pierre Berbizier, the France coach, challenging the northern hemisphere countries — primarily he is talking of England — to produce the expansive game that will be required in the World Cup.**

**"We are committed to maintaining the dynamic style we have agreed upon," Jack Rowell, the England manager, said. "We are not going to commit hara-kiri but we spoke to the players about how to approach the French game and they opted to stay with this current way of playing."**

**Rowell is aware of the threat posed by the French back row, in particular the speedy Laurent Cabannes, who played as a replacement centre for Racing against Bègles-Bordeaux at the weekend.**



ANDRE CAMARA

*Jones, left, who scored Ardingly's second goal, battles for possession with Ilsey*

# Ardingly reach final again

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BY IVO TENNANT

A PUBLIC school that awards no end of sports scholarships quite naturally is after something tangible to show for it. Ardingly, who just failed to win the Independent Schools FA Cup last year, will contest the final again next month, this time against St Bede's, of Manchester. And this time they will be expected to win.

Their victory over Batley GS was as straightforward as can be the case in any semi-final. The wonder was that Ardingly did not win by a considerably greater margin, as Graham Dawtrey, their master in charge of football, looked to be making clear to them. Like many independent schools, they believe that academic and sporting excellence are entwined.

Two boys, Crichton in midfield and Virgo, a thick-set left back, have signed schoolboy forms for Brighton. A third, Jones, who neatly rounded Batley's goalkeeper to score Ardingly's second goal, is being watched by Fulham. Another boy to catch the eye showed that he has yet to become burdened by his surname. Best, a model all-rounder according to his tutor, scored Ardingly's other two. All three came in the first half.

It was a credit to the school, founded in Sussex in Victorian times and best known for nurturing Ian Hislop, the editor of *Private Eye*, that any play was possible at all after so much rain.

Last year they were beaten in the final by King's, Chester; now, with four members of the Independent Schools A team, they have not lost to another public school this winter.

Batley had never played them before. Indeed, they have belonged to the independent sector only since 1978. Although football is their sport in both winter terms, they were unaware of this competition until they started to play public schools in the north of England. A young team, they should excel in this competition next year. Neat and occasionally inventive in midfield, they were handicapped in defence on account of an injury to Bentley.

Once in the first half, Mirza, in Ardingly's goal, had to make a sharp save from Nichols, but for most of the time the ball was rarely far from Batley's penalty area. Best's initial goal from Oshitola's cross was simple enough, but the second, headed in from Virgo's bent free kick, suggested he had worked on the skill in practice. The final, on March 14, is likely to be at either Old Trafford or Craven Cottage.

ARDINGLY (4-4-2): B Mirza (sub: W Dring, 77min) — M Oshitola, D Smith, M Turner, J Virgo — F Fellouris, J Okumura, D Crichton, B MacRae (sub: M Webb, 72) — W Jones, G Best.
BATLEY GS (4-4-2): A Shaw — J Ilsey, R Ash, A Leek, R Daniel (sub: G Batty, 42) — D Gomescall, A Abbott, D Brereton, A Kaye — S Nichols, S Grimbleby.
Referee: M Bodenham.

## SPORT IN BRIEF

### Higher profile for indoor athletics

BRITAIN'S leading indoor athletics meeting is to form part of a new elite series with a prize fund of £100,000. The KP invitation event at Birmingham on February 25 will join those in Stuttgart this Sunday, Lievin in France on February 19 and Stockholm on February 27. The Ricoh-sponsored tour, which is similar to the "golden four" summer meetings in Oslo, Zurich, Brussels and Berlin, could be the catalyst in getting an indoor grand prix circuit off the ground.

Ian Stewart, head of the British Athletic Federation's events management department, said: "The tour will raise dramatically the profile of indoor athletics." Initially, there will be six tour events in a full programme at each meeting — the men's 60 metres, 400 metres, 3,000 metres and triple jump, along with the women's 60 metres and 800 metres. The winner of each event will receive about £17,000. Anders Olsson, organiser of the Stockholm event, said: "The system is designed to reward consistency."

### Walsh fitness worry

CRICKET: Courtney Walsh, the West Indies captain, is struggling to be fit in time to play in the first Test match against New Zealand, which begins tomorrow at Lancaster Park, Christchurch. Walsh strained his back a week ago and said yesterday: "I wouldn't say I was confident of playing — I think it's still too early to decide." If Walsh is ruled out, Brian Lara will captain the team.

☐ Steven Jack, the Transvaal fast bowler, was yesterday called up by the South Africa selectors for the short tour to New Zealand later this month as a replacement for the injured Brian McMillan.

### Higgins blackballed

SNOOKER: John Higgins, winner of the Skoda Grand Prix in October and runner-up to Steve Davis in the Regal Welsh Open last week, has been surprisingly omitted from the Benson and Hedges Irish Masters at Goffs, co. Kildare, from March 22 to 27 (Phil Yates writes). The invitation tournament, which carries a first prize of £70,000, features the world's eight leading players plus four wild-card entries. Invitations have been extended to Ronnie O'Sullivan, Peter Ebdon, Joe Swail and Dave Harold. Fergal O'Brien, from Dublin, has also failed to secure an invitation.

### Strike talks resumed

BASEBALL: Major League players and owners yesterday resumed talks aimed at ending the six-month-old players' strike. A February 6 deadline has been set for the sides to show some progress. Talks were suspended on December 22 when the owners declared an impasse and imposed their own terms, which the players' union rejected. Bill Usery, a mediator, said he was hopeful that this round of talks, in which the owners will offer new proposals, will lead to a resolution of the strike. The owners have been recruiting replacement players to start the 1995 season this spring.

### Schoolgirl chosen

HOCKEY: Kirsty Bowden, a schoolgirl in Peterborough, is one of three teenagers included in the England squad to play twice against Scotland at Lilleshall on February 25 and 26. Bowden, 16, who made her senior debut against Russia last week, will play in midfield, along with Lucy Cope, 19, and the striker, Anna Bennett, 18, who won their first Great Britain caps in the series against the United States in San Diego. Maggie Souyave, the England coach, said that all the players would be in contention for places in the team for the European Cup in Holland in June.

### Postle steers new team

CYCLING: Matthew Postle, captain of the Wales team at the Commonwealth Games last year and winner of the Grand Prix of Wales and the Isle of Man mountain time-trial, was named yesterday to lead a new, eight-strong sponsored amateur squad, Team Energy. His team-mates are Simon Bray, the British road champion in 1992, Lee Davis, Colin Langley, Danny Axford, Matthew Rogers, Aaron McCaffrey and Alaistar Masson. The new team, whose programme this season will concentrate on the Premier Calendar competition, will be managed by Ian Goodhew.

# England lack forward power

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BY DAVID HANDS
RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

AN HISTORIC southern-hemisphere double eluded England Schools at Leicester last night. For all the bravery of their forwards, they were outmanoeuvred by the powerful side from New Zealand, who will now surely conclude their tour unbeaten in London on Sunday.

The young All Blacks arrived at Welford Road having rampaged through Wales, Scotland and England without remission. Their opening salvo here, however, was distinctly muted.

Within six minutes they had conceded three kickable penalties, one for dissent, one for obstruction and one for punching at a scrum, confirming a reputation for physical and abrasive play.

Cook had the range, but not the accuracy, for the first two; his third found the mark in an untidy first quarter which confirmed New Zealand's speed to the breakdown and their ball-winning capacity.

They also stole away for the first try. Sampson missed Sanft's high ball and a hurried clearance gave New Zealand the close-range scrum from which Willis broke swiftly to the blind side to score.

England found themselves under immense pressure and Carrington, son of a former All Black, extended New Zealand's lead with a penalty only for Cook to re-establish England's advantage with two penalties.

By half-time, however, New Zealand were back in control. The power of Tukino and his forwards caused England greater problems than the Australians a week earlier, and Sampson did well to deny Petelo in the corner. Tiatia, breaking round the front of a lineout, put a foot in touch but offside against the England backs gave Carrington the easiest of penalties.

Petelo's moment came early in the second half. Collecting a loose ball, his run took him to within ten metres. The support duly arrived and the ball worked back left where Miller sent Petelo to the line.

Beautiful interplay among the New Zealand backs gave Howlett the space to display devastating speed and his try in the corner ensured victory.

SCORERS: England Schools: Penalty goals: Cook (4). New Zealand Schools: Tries: Wills, Petelo, Howlett. Conversion: Carrington. Penalty goals: Carrington (2)
ENGLAND SCHOOLS: P Sampson (Woodhouse Grove), N Booth (Lytham HS), J Ewens (Colston's Collegiate), M Dobson (Lancaster RGS), J Cook (Millfield); J Hurst (Stonyhurst College), M Wood (Harrogate GS), M Worsley (St Ambrose College), R Protherough (King's, Worcester), C Cano (Thomas Alleyne), J Cockle (Prior Park College), A Bell (Colston's Collegiate), W Fuller (Wallington GS), M Cornish (Ivybridge Community College), G Weppett (Bradford GS). Sampson replaced by T Barlow (Rossall, 56min), Wappett temporarily replaced by R Bryan (Colston's Collegiate, 16-18)
NEW ZEALAND SCHOOLS: M Carrington; D Howlett, R Ropati, B Miller, P Petelo; Q Sanft, B Wills; E Morgan, B Morris; S Johnstone, A Tiatia, P Jenkins, V Tukino, P Wilson, B McLeod. Petelo replaced by M Jefferson (52).
Referee: B Smith (Ireland)

# Murky manoeuvres cloud America's Cup

**Barry Pickthall** reports on alleged irregularities in yaching's premier event

THE five-month-long America's Cup trials here in San Diego have barely begun, but the event has already been rocked by allegations of cheating, rules-bending, extraordinary conflicts of interest and claims that the race jury, which should be policing such matters, has been content to turn a blind eye.

It began last year with the alleged close collaboration between the two Australian syndicates, which between them have built three boats designed by the same team and constructed in the same shed in Sydney. Syd Fischer's *Sydney '95* and *oneAustralia*, led by the former Cup winner, John Bertrand, which have adjacent compounds in Mission Bay, even shared the same training camp in Australia before shipping their boats to San Diego, where they have continued to work closely.

At issue is the two-boat rule, which limits each syndicate to building two new boats for the campaign. Rivals on both the challenger and defence sides claimed that the two were, in fact, one syndicate, and that Bertrand's latest boat, which has yet to race here, breaks the rule. The jury, led by John Doerr, of Britain, found no collusion, yet during the racing on Tuesday on the Louis Vuitton course, Iain Murray, who defended the Cup for Australia in 1987 and has represented Fischer's *Sydney '95* group at challenger meetings, was sailing as a winch-grinder aboard *oneAustralia* when it beat the French. "They are pushing this thing to the limits and the jury is doing nothing about it," David Kilponen, the Australian rules expert advising the French, complained bitterly.

Eyebrows have also been raised at the inclusion of Neville Witney as starting helmsman aboard *Sydney '95* during the second round of trials. Brought in to replace Chris Law, dismissed last week for speaking out about alleged cheating by Fischer's syndicate, Witney was a race judge during the first round.

AMERICA'S CUP: Louis Vuitton Challenge trials: Second round: Overall positions: 1, Team New Zealand, 3pts; 2, Nippon '94, 6, equal 3, TAG Heuer Challenge and oneAustralia, 5, 5, Sydney '96, 2, 6, France 2 (M Pajot) 1, 7, Rioja de Espana, 0. Citizen Cup defence trials: Stars & Stripes (D Conner) bt Young America (F. Mahaney) rtd. Overall positions: equal 1, Young America and Stars & Stripes, 5; 3, America³ (E Egnot), 3

BOC CHALLENGE: Third leg (Sydney to Punta del Este): Leading positions (at 08.00 GMT yesterday with miles to Punta del Este). Class 1: 1, Sceta Calberson (C Auguin, Fr) 6,340, 2, Vendee Enterprises (J van den Heede, Fr) 6,394, 3, Hunter's Child (S Pettengill, US) 6,376; 4, Doyore (D Scully, US) 6,388; 5, Nowell South Africa (J Ptovoyeur, SA) 6,391, 6, Thursday's Child (A Taylor, US) 6,506. Class 2: 1, Kodak (G Soldini, It) 6,377, 2, True Blue (D Adams, Aust) 6391, 3, Newcastle Australia (A Nebauer, Aust) 6,412, 4, Jimroda II (N Vaughan, GB) 6,451; 5, Cornwall (R Dane, GB) 6,499; 6, Sky Catcher (N Rowe, GB) 6,582; 7, Henry Hornblower (H Mitchell, GB) 6,615; 8, Shuten-Doho II (M Saito, Japan) 6,681



Law: replaced

# James finds Madeira to his taste

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

MARK JAMES and Peter Baker are the only two members of Europe's last Ryder Cup team playing in the Madeira Island Open this week after many of the golf circuit's big names chose not to attend.

Most were in the Philippines last week and did not relish the 28 hours of flying via Bangkok, Dubai, London and Lisbon to play for a slice of the £250,000 prize fund — one of the smallest of the season.

On top of that, there is the memory of a fiasco last year. After Mats Lanner, of Sweden, won an event cut to 54 holes because of cloud, high winds made it dangerous for planes to land and many players were marooned in Madeira for up to three days. James and Baker, with ground to make up if they are to retain their Ryder Cup places, chose not to play in Manila, but what James had planned as a week of practice at home did not work out.

"The heavy snow meant that I couldn't do anything until this Monday. I'm badly out of practice," James, 41, winner of the inaugural Madeira title two years ago, said. James is committed to playing six of the next eight weeks.

He has just taken over as chairman of the European Tour's tournament committee, and one of the subjects he may put on the agenda is the preferential treatment given to the "superstars". Last week in Manila, the main attractions, including the winner, Fred Couples, were taken to the course by helicopter. The others had to cover the long journey by bus.

☐ Barry Lane, the Ryder Cup player, withdrew from the South African Masters tournament in Sun City and returned to Britain yesterday after learning that his father had died. Lane has also pulled out of the South African Open in Johannesburg next week.

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### LEGAL NOTICES

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
No. 007518 of 1994
CHANCERY DIVISION
Mr Registrar Buckley
11th January 1995
IN THE MATTER of BRUNTCLIFFE AGGREGATES PLC
- AND -
IN THE MATTER of THE COMPANIES ACT 1985
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Order of the High Court of Justice (Chancery Division) dated 11th January 1995 confirming the reduction of the share capital of the above-named Company from £7,850,000 to £7,800,000 was registered by the Registrar of Companies on 20th January 1995.
Dated this 31st day of January 1995
MISHCON DE REYA
21 Southampton Row
London WC1B 5HS
Solicitors for the above-named Company
Ref: 19/PBS/AD/1285-2

### LEGAL NOTICES

HOWARDS BOUTIQUE LIMITED t/a HOWARD/PROFILE (In Creditors' Voluntary Liquidation)
The Insolvency Act 1986
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Creditors of the above named Company, which is being voluntarily wound up, are required, on or before the 10th March 1995 to send in their full Christian and surname, their addresses and descriptions, full particulars of their debts or claims and the names and addresses of their Solicitors (if any), to the undersigned, K D Goodman, FCA, of Leonard Curtis & Co, PO Box 563, 30 Eastbourne Terrace, (2nd Floor), London W2 6LF the Liquidator of the said Company, and, if so required by notice in writing from the said Liquidator, are, personally or by their Solicitors to come in and prove their debts or claims at such time and place as shall be specified in such notice, or in default thereof they will be excluded from the benefit of any distribution made before such debts are proved. Dated this 27th January 1995, K D GOODMAN, Liquidator.

IN THE MATTER OF BUILD & BUY LIMITED AND
THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a meeting of the creditors of the above named company convened under the provisions of S.98 of the Insolvency Act 1986, and held on 24 January 1995, I, Melvyn Julian Carter, of Carter Backer Winter, Hill House, Highgate Hill, London, N19 5UU was duly appointed Liquidator of the company.
M J Carter
Liquidator
Dated this twenty seventh day of January 1995.

The Insolvency Act 1986
In the matter of Prioryoak plc
Nature of business: Other retail
Administration Order made: 23 January 1995 K D GOODMAN FCA AND K P BARRY, Joint administrators, Leonard Curtis & Co, PO Box 563, 30 Eastbourne Terrace, London W2 6LF.

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE 00731 OF 1994
CHANCERY DIVISION
IN THE MATTER OF BRAXTON ASSOCIATES LTD
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IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES ACT
NOTICE is hereby given that the Order of the High Court of Justice (Chancery Division) dated 11th January 1995 confirming the cancellation of the Share Premium Account of the above named company was registered by the Registrar of Companies on 13th January 1995.
Dated this 2nd day of February 1995.
Messrs Gregsons
St Christopher's House
Tabor Grove
Wimbledon
SW19 4EX
Ref: DMM/RK/1T0035/1
Solicitors for the above named company.

IN THE MATTER OF BENEFIT SECURITIES LIMITED AND
THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that at a meeting of the creditors of the above named company convened under the provisions of S.98 of the Insolvency Act 1986, and held on 24 January 1995, I, Melvyn Julian Carter, of Carter Backer Winter Hill House, Highgate Hill, London, N19 5UU was duly appointed Liquidator of the company.
M J Carter
Liquidator
Dated this twenty seventh day of January 1995.

No. 2240768
NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION UNDER S.175 CONCERNING PAYMENT OUT OF CAPITAL BY A COMPANY FOR THE REDEMPTION OR PURCHASE OF ITS OWN SHARES
CHASE ADVANCED TECHNOLOGIES LIMITED
Company Number 2240768
Proposed payment out of capital pursuant to Companies Act 1985, Section 171
NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 175 of the Companies Act 1985 that:
1 Chase Advanced Technologies Limited ("the Company") has by Written Resolutions passed on 31 January 1995 approved a payment out of capital for the purpose of acquiring by purchase a total of 1,620,000 ordinary shares of 5 pence each fully paid up in its own share capital.
2 The permissible capital payment (as defined by Section 171 of the said Act) for such shares is £580,800.
3 The statutory declaration of the Company's directors and the report of the Company's auditors required by Section 173 of the said Act in respect of such payment out of capital are available for inspection by any member or creditor of the Company at the Company's registered office at Sants Mill, Victoria Road, Shipley, West Yorkshire, BD18 3JD during business hours on any day (except Saturday, Sunday or public holiday) up to and including 7 March 1995.
4 Any creditor of the Company may at any time up to and including 7 March 1995 apply to the Court under Section 176 of the said Act for an order prohibiting such payment out of capital or for other relief.
31 January 1995
G Fletcher, Secretary.

RULE 4.106 OF THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
P.D.C. (1985) LIMITED
(IN LIQUIDATION)
TAKE NOTICE THAT I, Nigel John Hamilton-Smith of Morton Thornton & Co, Torrington House, 47 Holywell Hill, St Albans, Hertfordshire, AL1 1HD, was appointed to act as Liquidator of P.D.C. (1985) Limited by a resolution at the meetings of the company's members and creditors held on 26th January 1995.
N J HAMILTON-SMITH - Liquidator. DATED this 30th day of January 1995.

SEPPANS REALISATIONS LIMITED
(IN LIQUIDATION)
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, in pursuance of Section 299 of the Companies Act 1948 that meetings of the members and creditors of the above named company will be held at Cedric House 8/9 East Harding Street London EC4A 3AS on 17 February 1995 at 10.30 am and 10.00 am respectively for the purpose of receiving an account of the liquidator's/a joint liquidator's acts and dealings and of the conduct of the winding up during the preceding year.
Date: 26 January 1995
G MORRIS
LIQUIDATOR.

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# Video 'trial' viewed with caution by Elleray

By Russell Kempson

PAUL DANSON'S eating of humble pie, in belatedly downgrading Alvin Martin's sending-off against Sheffield Wednesday to a mere booking, has received cautious approval from David Elleray, spokesman for the elite 22-strong body of FA Carling Premiership football referees. However, Elleray is concerned that such reduction-by-video episodes could become a trend among aggrieved Premiership managers and players.

"If video evidence shows that the referee was in error on a disciplinary matter, it is reasonable to ask him to review the video in the interests of natural justice," Elleray said. "Referees have no desire to be stubborn and presume they are right all the time. It is always good to view incidents from different angles." Danson, from Leicester, sent off Martin and Tim Breacker, the West Ham United defenders, in the 2-0 defeat against Wednesday at Upton Park ten days ago.

**Roberto Baggio, the Juventus and Italy player, yesterday underwent arthroscopic surgery on his right knee to determine why he is unable to play two months after being injured. Baggio hopes to return for the Uefa Cup later this month.**

While the decision to banish Breacker, for two bookable offences, was unarguable, the tenth-minute dismissal of Martin, for alleged "serious foul play", was widely perceived as a mistake.

In trying to challenge Mark Bright, the Wednesday striker, on the halfway line, Martin lost his footing and inadvertently fell across Bright, bringing him down. Danson produced the red card, which would have meant a three-match suspension for Martin. However, after reviewing it on video, he changed his mind and reduced it to yellow.

"This has happened a few times in recent years," Elleray, a housemaster at Harrow, said. "Generally, we're quite comfortable with it, provided that it is done through the proper channels. A video is sent to the Football Association and they ask us to have a look at it.

"I wouldn't like it to become too regular and I think we probably have to draw the limit here. I wouldn't like to see, for instance, a video being used to try to upgrade offences from yellow to red. Although it might appear to be a logical progression, it could really open a can of worms.

"Video review could possibly be used if a violent offence has occured behind the referee's back, which he didn't see and was thus unable to act on, but we have to be careful. Referees are not that keen, either, on a return to the appeals system like there used to be."

Cases of "trial by television", in which players have been subsequently punished for offences that were originally missed by the referee, are rare. In October 1988, Paul Davis, the Arsenal midfield player, was suspended for nine matches and fined £3,000 after an off-the-ball incident that led to Glenn Cockerill, of Southampton, sustaining a broken jaw. In January 1993, Ian Wright, the Arsenal forward, was handed a three-match ban for appearing to strike David Howells, of Tottenham Hotspur, during a north London derby at White Hart Lane.

The FA yesterday charged Joe Kinnear, the Wimbledon manager, Vinnie Jones, the Wimbledon and Wales midfield player, and Robbie Fowler, the Liverpool and England under-21 forward, with bringing the game into disrepute. Fowler was reported by Leicestershire police for making "improper gestures" to the crowd during Liverpool's 2-1 victory against Leicester City at Filbert Street on Boxing Day. An FA spokesman said: "The police received complaints including an allegation that Fowler pulled up his shorts to expose his bottom."

Kinnear and Jones were reported by Northumberland police after comments made in the aftermath of Wimbledon's 2-1 defeat against Newcastle United at St James' Park eight days ago, when Mike Reed, the referee, disallowed a last-minute equaliser from Jon Goodman. Kinnear claimed Reed had "cheated" Wimbledon, while Jones allegedly harangued Kevin Keegan, the Newcastle manager, in the dressing-room corridor. "Jones was reported to us by the police for comments he made to Keegan," an FA spokesman confirmed.

JOACHIM HERRMANN



Bonaly, of France, is favourite to secure a fifth title at the European figure skating championships

# Russian teenager sets the standard

By Our Sports Staff

**ILYA KULIK, of Russia, took an unexpected lead in the men's event after the short programme at the European figure skating championship in Dortmund yesterday. Kulik, 17, took the top position over Vyacheslav Zagorodniuk, of Ukraine, and Philippe Candeloro, of France. Alexei Urmanov, also of Russia, the Olympic champion, was sixth after scaling down his triple-lutz to a double, with just eight basic jumps and spins.**

**Kulik skated with confidence to land a clean triple-axel, triple-toe-loop combination and gained a series of 5.8s in his technical marks. "I'm happy to have shown such a good performance," he said.**

**Zagorodniuk, the runner-up last year, gave a clean presentation to rock music and finished second, just behind Kulik, gaining four firsts to Kulik's five.**

**"I was very nervous," he said. "The pressure is great because the European title is at stake and I wasn't too good in the previous events." Candeloro, the Olympic bronze medal-winner, was third.**

**In the women's event, Surya Bonaly is expected to sustain her dominance in Europe by winning a fifth successive title this week, despite repeated letdowns at world level. The Frenchwoman's success seems even more assured since the defection of Oksana Baiul, the Olympic champion, to the professional ranks.**

**Bonaly, 21, has never achieved in world and Olympic events what she has produced in the European championships, where she beat Baiul into second place in each of the past two years. Her second place to Yuka Sato, of Japan, in the Tokyo world championships last year was her best showing, and her first medal at that level.**

**Bonaly, who begins her programme today, is believed to have hurt the little toe on her right foot while working on a trampoline. The injury did not appear to be affecting her workouts, however.**

# Britain blood youngsters as injury rules out Offiah

By Christopher Irvine

AN EAGER young Great Britain supporting cast was no substitute to organisers of the rugby league world sevens for the absent star attraction. It was an insurance wrangle 12 months ago and an injured knee this time that caused Martin Offiah to miss the trip to Australia.

When the party arrived in Brisbane yesterday, British commitment to the annual event, the sport's one genuinely international coming-together, underwent the familiar ritual questioning. Heads, on the other hand, could yet be turned by an impressive, if Offiah-less, Great Britain entry.

Francis Cummins, Steve Prescott, Steve Blakeley and Tony Smith are exciting tiros capable of illuminating a big stage; Paul Sterling and Neil Summers, Offiah's replacement, have come a long way in a short time from rugby union in Yorkshire; and there are seasoned international players in Denis Betts, Lee Jackson and Chris Joynt, while John Bentley, another full cap, was Britain's leading try-scorer in the event last year.

Coinciding as it did with the Wales v England match in Cardiff last night, and presuming the revival of the triangular European tournament is not some spurious attempt at expanding international competition, a more pertinent question perhaps is: "Why dispatch so good a sevens entry and dilute the quality of so important a match at home?"

As imaginative as the compromise worked out between Ellery Hanley, the England coach, and Gary Hetherington, in charge of the sevens side, is, England and the start of the new John Smith's European championship were not best served by having Betts, Jackson and Joynt 12,000 miles away.

For all the bleatings of the sevens' organisers, it is hard to imagine Australia interrupting its precious Winfield Cup season to journey halfway round the world. Interestingly, only four of the 28-strong Australia tour party are expected to participate, two months after the visit to Britain and France.

With less than 48 hours to acclimatise, Great Britain face a tough pool of three leading Australian club sides, Sydney St George, North Sydney and Penrith, with two matches in Brisbane tomorrow before the jamboree, which comprises a record 14 national sides and 33 teams, begins; it transfers to Sydney for the last two days.

The Great Britain Academy side inflicted a record defeat on the France Under-19 team, overcoming dire conditions at Leigh to win 36-0 on Tuesday. The 20 points scored by Paul Cook, one of a crop of highly promising young players at Leeds, included three of Britain's six tries. Victory supplied the British youngsters with heart for the return on March 4 at Carcassonne, scene of a 10-8 reverse last year.

Having been humbled by the youth arm of the professional game, the French meet the Great Britain amateur youth side at Whitehaven on Saturday, hoping for a repeat of their overwhelming 42-4 victory in Béziers in December. Before then, they meet a British Amateur Rugby League Association President's XIII at Eccles tonight.

**DETAILS**

DRAW: Group 1: Manly, Parramatta, Cronulla, Illawarra
Group 2: Sydney St George, Great Britain, North Sydney, Penrith.
Group 3: Canterbury, South Sydney, Eastern Suburbs, Newcastle.
Group 4: Western Suburbs, Perth, Western Reds, Brisbane Broncos, Queensland Crushers.
Group 5: North Queensland, New Zealand, Canberra, Auckland Warriors.
Group 6: United States, Sydney Tigers, Fiji, Russia, South Africa.
Group 7: Papua New Guinea, Canada, Gold Coast, Japan.
Group 8: Western Samoa, Morocco, France, Tonga, Italy.

GREAT BRITAIN SQUAD: J Bentley (Halifax), D Betts (Wigan, captain), S Blakeley (Salford), F Cummins (Leeds), L Jackson (Sheffield), C Joynt (St Helens), S Prescott (St Helens), A Smith (Castleford), P Sterling (Hull), N Summers (Bradford).

☐ Va'aiga Tuigamala, Wigan's former New Zealand rugby union player, has given Western Samoa a lift for the World Cup in October. Tuigamala has opted to represent Western Samoa, where he was born, although he also qualifies for Tonga and New Zealand.

☐ Dewsbury, of the second division, could lose home advantage for their Silk Cut Challenge Cup tie against Kells, the Cumbrian amateur side, after the third-round tie was postponed a third time on Tuesday because the pitch at New Crown Flatt was unplayable. The game has been rearranged for tomorrow and then Sunday, and if it is not played by then, is likely to be switched to Whitehaven.

☐ Widnes have failed in an attempt to sign Andy Currier, their former Great Britain centre, on loan from Featherstone Rovers.

## SNOW REPORTS

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| Soldeu | 50 | 95 | good | varied | good | sun | 2 | 30/1 |
| *(Very good skiing in brilliant sunshine, no queues)* | | | | | | | | |
| AUSTRIA | | | | | | | | |
| Obergurgl | 60 | 135 | good | powder | good | sun | 4 | 30/1 |
| *(Excellent skiing on pistes with powdery snow)* | | | | | | | | |
| Schladming | 50 | 110 | good | varied | icy | fine | -4 | 29/1 |
| *(Plenty of good skiing, no queues and warm sunshine)* | | | | | | | | |
| Söll | 45 | 80 | good | varied | good | fair | 1 | 29/1 |
| *(Excellent conditions for fast cruising, great skiing)* | | | | | | | | |
| FRANCE | | | | | | | | |
| Chamonix | 80 | 540 | good | powder | good | fine | 3 | 30/1 |
| *(Fabulous powder skiing, most lifts now open)* | | | | | | | | |
| Megève | 90 | 260 | good | powder | good | fine | 1 | 30/1 |
| *(Perfect skiing conditions, no wind, sun and great skiing)* | | | | | | | | |
| Hevalier | 70 | 135 | good | varied | good | fine | 0 | 31/1 |
| *(Wonderful skiing on quiet pistes at Monetier)* | | | | | | | | |
| Tignes | 205 | 260 | good | heavy | good | fine | -7 | 31/1 |
| *(Great piste skiing under sunny skies)* | | | | | | | | |
| Val Thorens | 210 | 280 | good | powder | good | fine | 0 | 30/1 |
| *(Great skiing everywhere, cobalt blue skies, sunshine)* | | | | | | | | |
| SWITZERLAND | | | | | | | | |
| Grindelwald | 30 | 170 | good | powder | good | fine | 2 | 30/1 |
| *(Excellent snow on most pistes, a few icy patches)* | | | | | | | | |
| Villars | 75 | 240 | good | powder | good | sun | 5 | 30/1 |
| *(Fantastic skiing continues, pistes virtually empty)* | | | | | | | | |
| Wengen | 35 | 120 | good | varied | good | fine | 1 | 30/1 |
| *(Wonderful piste skiing on all runs, sunny skies)* | | | | | | | | |
| Zermatt | 75 | 305 | good | powder | good | fine | -3 | 31/1 |
| *(Generally excellent skiing, blissful conditions)* | | | | | | | | |

Source Ski Club of Great Britain. L — lower slopes; U — upper; art — artificial.

## FOR THE RECORD

### BASKETBALL

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION (NBA): New York 90 Golden State 87; Milwaukee 107 Dallas 105; Washington 88 Charlotte 97; Houston 86 Denver 74, LA Lakers 115 Chicago 119; Sacramento 96 San Antonio 97.

### BOBSLEIGHING

ST MORITZ: World Cup: Four-man: 1, Germany I (D Wiese, C Bartsch, M Lekmeier, W Hauptl 2mn 5.66sec, 2, Switzerland I (R Goetschi, G Acklin, C Reich, B Seitz) at 0.38sec; 3, Canada II (P Lueders, B Handle, J Pyc, P Caron) at 0.41, 4, Great Britain I (M Tout, D Ward, C Rumbold, L Paul) at 0.43. World Cup standings: 1, Germany I 171pts; 2, Germany II 142, equal 3, United States I and Austria I 123; 7, Great Britain I 111.

### CRESTA RUN

ST MORITZ: Prince Philip Trophy: 1, RAF 675 67sec, 2, Royal Navy 688.59, 3, Army 720.04. Lord Tranchard Services Trophy: 1, Cdr A Usborne (RAF) 164.47; 2, Flt Lt N Smorthit (RAF) 165.14, 3, Wg Cmdr C Gowers (RAF) 167 0. Harland Trophy: 1, Capt G Dainty (Army) 173.35, 2, Capt F Elwes (Army) 178 06, 3, Sqn Ldr S Abott (RAF) 181 45.

### CYCLING

GARDANNE, France: Grand Prix d'Ouverture (137 9km) 1, S Henneben (Le Groupement, Bel) 3hr 22mn 40sec; 2, N Mattan (Lotto, Holl) same time; 3, G Planegondo (Polti, It) at 1mn 36sec, 4, F Teyssier (Festina, Fr) at 1 40; 5, J-P Van Poppel (Le Groupement, Holl) at 1·43; 6, F Teyssier (Festina, Fr) same time.

### CRICKET

First Test match

Zimbabwe v Pakistan

*HARARE (Zimbabwe won toss, second day of five). Pakistan are 493 runs behind Zimbabwe with nine first-innings wickets in hand*

ZIMBABWE: First Innings

| | |
|---|---|
| M H Dekker c Latif b Javed | 2 |
| G W Flower not out | 201 |
| A D R Campbell b w b Akram | 1 |
| D L Houghton c Sohail b Javed | 23 |
| *†A Flower c Wasim b Nabir | 156 |
| A Flower not out | 142 |
| G J Whittall not out | 113 |
| Extras (b 4, lb 19, w 3, nb 22) | 48 |
| Total (4 wkts dec) | 544 |

S Carlisle, H H Streak, P A Strang, D H Brain and H Olonga did not bat

FALL OF WICKETS 1-4, 2-9, 3-42, 4-311

BOWLING: Wasim Akram 39 5-12-95-1, Aqib Javed 34.1-8-73-2, Kabir Khan 35-5-142-1; Salim Malik 9-0-42-0, Akram Raza 34-6-112-0; Asif Mujtaba 7-0-30-0; Aamir Sohail 6-1-27-0

PAKISTAN: First Innings

| | |
|---|---|
| Aamir Sohail not out | 28 |
| Saeed Anwar c A Flower b Olonga | 8 |
| Akram Raza not out | 8 |
| Extras (b 1, lb 1, nb 1, w 4) | 7 |
| Total (1 wkt) | 51 |

Asif Mujtaba, *Salim Malik, Ijaz Ahmed, Inzamam-ul-Haq, †Rashid Latif, Wasim Akram, Kabir Khan and Aqib Javed to bat.

FALL OF WICKET: 1-36.

BOWLING: Streak 7-0-21-0, Brain 4-1-17-0; Olonga 3-0-11-1.

CASTLE CUP STANDINGS

| | P | W | L | D | Pts |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Natal | 6 | 5 | 0 | 1 | 87 |
| Northern Transvaal | 6 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 58 |
| Eastern Province | 6 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 53 |
| Transvaal | 6 | 1 | 1 | 4 | 43 |
| Free State | 6 | 1 | 4 | 1 | 42 |
| Boland | 6 | 1 | 3 | 2 | 41 |
| Western Province | 6 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 41 |
| Border | 6 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 39 |

### FOOTBALL

Late results on Tuesday

ENDSLEIGH INSURANCE LEAGUE: Second division: Chester 0 Wycombe 2. Third division: Doncaster 1 Exeter 0. Postponed: Hereford v Hartlepool.

ANGLO-ITALIAN CUP: Semi-final, second leg: Stoke 0 Notts County 0 (set, agg 0-0; Notts County won 3-2 on pens).

AUTO WINDSCREENS SHIELD: Northern section: Quarter-final: Postponed: Wigan v Crewe. Semi-final: Postponed: Bury v Rochdale. Southern section: Semi-finals: Birmingham 3 Swansea 2 (Birmingham win on "golden goal" rule in extra time); Leyton Orient 2 Shrewsbury 1

VAUXHALL CONFERENCE: Stafford 1 Southport 1, Runcorn 3 Gateshead 2.

BOB LORD TROPHY: Quarter-final replay: Bromsgrove 2 Stalybridge 0.

TENNENTS SCOTTISH CUP: Third round: Falkirk 0 Motherwell 0 (abandoned after 51min, floodlight failure); St Johnstone 1 Stenhousemuir 1. Third-round replay: Greenock Morton 1 Kilmarnock 2 (set 1-1 after 90min)

KONICA LEAGUE OF WALES: Postponed: Caersws v Conwy; Porthmadog v Connah's Quay.

BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Premier division: Dorchester 1 Chelmsford 0. Postponed: Rushden and Diamonds v Leek. Southern division: Baldock 3 Poole 1

GREAT MILLS LEAGUE: Premier division: Postponed: Bristol Manor Farm v Tiverton.

DIADORA LEAGUE: Premier division: Yeading 1 Kingstonian 0. First division: Worthing 4 Heybridge Swifts 0, Basingstoke 6 Dorking 1. Second division: Hampton 1 Hemel Hempstead 0; Metropolitan Police 1 Aveley 0; Saffron Walden Town 1 Banstead 0, Witham 0 Chelfont St Peter 1. Third division: Northwood 4 Tring 0. Postponed: Epsom and Ewell v Horsham. League Cup: Fourth round: Postponed: St Albans v Slough.

FA YOUTH CUP: Fourth round: Manchester 2 Arsenal 1, Dulwich Hamlet 2 Bristol City 3.

INTERLINK EXPRESS MIDLAND ALLIANCE: Barwell 1 Solihull Swifts 0; Boldmere St M 1 Sandwell Boro 1, Shepshed D 1 Hinckley Athletic 1.

CAWOODS COUNTY ANTRIM SHIELD: Quarter-final: Glenavon 0 Linfield 4.

AVON INSURANCE COMBINATION: First division: Queens Park Rangers 1 Wimbledon 2, West Ham 2 Southampton 0. Postponed: Watford v Oxford Utd

PONTINS CENTRAL LEAGUE: First division: Liverpool 1 West Bromwich 1; Rotherham 4 Coventry 1. Second division: Oldham 3 Leicester 1.

CARLING NORTH WEST COUNTIES LEAGUE: Postponed: Blackpool Rovers v Maine Road, Skelmersdale v Bradford PA.

GREAT MILLS LEAGUE: Premier division: Postponed: Bristol Manor Farm v Tiverton.

JEWSON WESSEX LEAGUE: Postponed: First division: Herndeen v Eastleigh. Cup: Quarter-finals: Bemerton Heath Harlequins v Portsmouth RN.

WINSTONLEAD KENT LEAGUE: First division Cup: Third round: Corinthian 1 Folkestone Invicta 4. Postponed: Whitstable v Ramsgate.

SCHOOLS MATCHES: FA Premier League Trophy: Under-19: Leicestershire 1 Lincolnshire 2. Snickers Trophy: Under-19: Northgate HS (Suffolk) 2, Colchester Sixth Form College (Essex) 1.

### ICE HOCKEY

NATIONAL LEAGUE (NHL): Florida 1 NY Islanders 5; New Jersey 2 Buffalo 1; Quebec 5 Philadelphia 2; Tampa Bay 4 Montreal 1, St Louis 7 Anaheim 2.

BRITISH LEAGUE: Castle Eden Cup: Semi-finals: Humberside 3 Durham 4 (aet); Whitley 3 Sheffield 2 (aet and pens). Autumn Trophy: Final, first leg: Solihull 7 Swindon 6. International challenge match: Scottish All Stars 6 Team Canada 9.

### HOCKEY

SAN DIEGO: Women's International: United States 3 Great Britain 1. United States win three-match series: 2-1.

READING: RAF 2 Oxford University 1.

SCHOOLS MATCH: Rugby 1 Repton 2.

### NORDIC SKIING

LES SAISIES: France: British championship (20km), 1, M Gee 1hr 10mn 39 6sec; 2, M Dixon 1:12:17 4; 3, M McAlpine 1.15.48 4

### REAL TENNIS

LEAMINGTON: P&O handicap championship: Semi-finals: G Heap bt A Hamilton 6-2, P Cogan bt M Beard 6-3. Final: Cogan bt Heap 6-4.

### RUGBY LEAGUE

UNDER-19 INTERNATIONAL: Gt Britain Academy 36 France Academy 0 (at Leigh).

### RUGBY UNION

REPRESENTATIVE MATCH: Royal Navy 25 Civil Service 14.

CLUB MATCHES: Northampton 24 Loughborough Students 13; Currie 57 Melrose 9.

### SWIMMING

ESPOO, Finland: World Cup meeting: Men: Freestyle: 400m: 1, D Lasker (NZ) 3'40 84; 2, A Kasvio (Fin) 3:41 57. Breaststroke: 200m: 1, L Secchi (It) 2:14.21, 2, P Lehtinen (Fin) 2:14 72. Backstroke: 100m: 1, T Schwenk (US) 54.71sec, 2, J Letzin (Ger) 55.10; 3, S Mindaugas (Lith) 55.23. Butterfly: 50m: 1, M Foster (GB) 24 15; 2, A Suurvali (Est) 24.45; 3, J Akesson (Swe) 24 70. 200m: 1, V Hanoki (Fin) 1:56.46, 2, K Galka (Pol) 1.57 19. Individual medley: 100m: 1, Siewnan 54.10sec, 2, M Malinski (Pol) 56.27. Women: Freestyle: 50m: 1, R Elwani (Egypt) 25.67sec; 2, A Vandykan (US) 25.76, 3, M Selmela (Fin) 25.93. 800m: 1, S Hardcastle (GB) 8:28 87; 2, J Jung (Ger) 8.29.50; 3, K Puukka (Fin) 9:03.43. Breaststroke: 100m: 1, A Wilson (NZ) 1:11 03; 2, S Herbst (Ger) 1·11.37; 3, K Bremond (Fr) 1:11 93. Backstroke: 50m: 1, A Buschschulte (Ger) 28 52sec; 2, M Jacobsen (Den) 29.22, 3, M Moravcova (Slovakia) 29.53. 200m: 1, Jacobsen 2.10 62; 2, Buschschulte 2:10.98. Individual medley: 200m: 1, M Lampert (Can) 2:14.32; 2, Herbst 2:14.96, 3, S Ralph (GB) 2:15.08.

### TENNIS

AUCKLAND: Women's tournament: First round: L Harvey-Wild (US) bt R Grande (It) 6-2, 7-5.

### YACHTING

SAN DIEGO: Louis Vuitton Cup (challenger series): Second round: oneAustralia (J Bertrandt) bt France2 (M Pelot) by 1mn 27sec; Team New Zealand (P Blake) beat Nippon (M Namba) by 12sec; Sydney '95 (S Fischer) bt Rioja de Espana (P Campos) by 2mn 14sec. Standings: 1, Team New Zealand 10pts; 2, oneAustralia 7; 3, Nippon Challenge 6, 4, Tag Heuer Challenge 5; 5, Sydney '95 4; 6, France 2; 7, Rioja de Espana 0. Citizen Cup (defender series): Second round: Stars & Stripes (D Conner) bt America² (L Egnot) by 1min 29sec. Standings: 1, Stars & Stripes 7; 2, Young America (K Mahaney) 5, 3, America² 3

### POOLS DIVIDENDS

LITTLEWOODS: Treble chance: 23½ pts £681,948 35, 23 £14,306 85, 22½ £4,371.45, 22 £213.90, 21½ £96.95, 21 £30 00, 20½ £4.70. Four draws: £12.45 Ten homes: £1.00 Five aways: £14.05.

VERNONS: Treble chance (possible pts 23½, no clear with 23½pts). 23pts £72,097.80, 22½ £867.30, 22 £79 75, 21½ £22.55, 21 £5.65, 20½ £1.25. Ten homes: void (stakes may be used in payment of clients' next entry). Five aways (nothing barred), £3.30.

ZETTERS: Treble chance: 23½pts £16,956.25, 23 £282.50, 22½ £110.05, 22 £12.90, 21 £4.00. Four draws: £15 00. Four super homes: £280.20. Four aways: £42 80. Lucky numbers: 38, 2, 34, 1, 30, 18

## FIXTURES

### FOOTBALL

AVON INSURANCE COMBINATION: First division: Chelsea v Bristol City (2.0).

PONTINS LEAGUE: First division: Sheffield United v Stoke (at Chesterfield FC, 7.0)

BORD GAIS LEAGUE OF IRELAND: Premier division: Dundalk v Monaghan (8.0)

FAI HARP LAGER CUP: First round: College Corinthians v Bray (2.30).

FA UMBRO TROPHY: First round: Molesey v Cheltenham (7.45). First-round replays: Guiseley v Witton (7.45). Blyth Spartans v Colwyn Bay (7.45).

### RUGBY UNION

Club matches

Ayr v Glasgow HK (7.0)

Gala v Haddington (7.15).

Madras Coll FP v Lansdowne (7.0)

Kelso v Old Wesley

### RUGBY LEAGUE

AMATEUR INTERNATIONAL: BARLA President's XIII v France XIII (at Eccles, 7.30)

## WORD-WATCHING

*Answers from page 48*

**ASPINALL**

**(b) To paint (articles of household furniture, especially when old and shabby) with Aspinall's Enamel Paint. Hence *Aspinalling*.**

**CUPFERRON**

**(c) A brownish-yellow crystalline compound, $C^6H^5N(NO)ONH^4$, used as a quantitative precipitant for iron, titanium, zirconium, and certain other metals in acid solution and formerly as a reagent for copper. from the Latin *cuprum* copper + *ferrum* iron.**

**ENSTOOL**

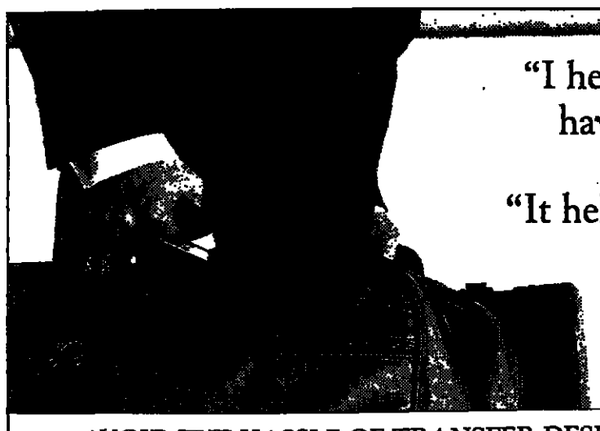
**(a) To place (a West African chief) on his stool, hence *enstoolment*. "The King of Kokofu is one of the three chiefs who, by ancient custom, perform the ceremony of enstooling the King of Kumassi as King paramount of the Ashanti Confederation."**

**DAGGING**

**(c) The operation of cutting off the dags or locks of dirty wool from the bottoms of sheep, from the Australian and New Zealand word dag. "Dagging, in polite terms, is the removal, by shears, of wool which is matted on the thighs by excreta."**

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| 22 Pts | £213.90 | | |
| 21½ Pts | £96.95 | | |
| 21 Pts | £30.00 | | |
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## Revered French trainer loses brave struggle against cancer

# Nations unite in mourning Boutin

By Julian Muscat

THE racing community in France and beyond is rarely as united as in its grieving yesterday for François Boutin, who died in a Paris hospital 11 days after his 58th birthday.

Boutin's two-year struggle with cancer epitomised so many of his finest qualities: his bravery and passion for life; but above all, his dignity in all circumstances. He was renowned not just for his training skills, with which he dominated the game for long stretches, but for his incomparable sense of humour.

That latter quality was largely lost on the British. A proud man, he could never quite forgive their treatment of him over the notorious Trepan affair in 1976. Trepan was disqualified from both the Prince Of Wales's Stakes and the Eclipse Stakes after the horse tested positive to theobromine, a prohibited substance. Four years later, Nureyev's disqualification for interference after his brilliant victory in the 2,000 Guineas merely added to his torment.

In France, Boutin is revered as the winner of 17 domestic classics: for his handling of Miesque, winner of ten group races; and latterly, of Arazi, whose victory in the 1991 Breeders' Cup Juvenile was the stuff of fantasy. From a position 20 lengths off the pace, Arazi's surge to a six-length defeat of Bertrando, the American champion, is an abiding memory.

It was not always thus for the son of a Dieppe farmer, whose formative years were spent around the trotting stables of Normandy. Yet none of his contemporaries has annexed all but three of France's 24 championship races, as did Boutin. And no other trainer has risen to such international heights from the humble beginnings of a two-horse stable, as Boutin had when he joined the trainers' ranks in 1964.

Gerry Oldham, the Swiss-based financier for whom Boutin trained Sagaro to win three consecutive Ascot Gold Cups, the first in 1975, said of Boutin yesterday: "I have lost a very good friend and a great trainer. We went through a great many ups and downs."

Lester Piggott, who rode Sagaro on each occasion and partnered Nonoalco to victory in the 1984 2,000 Guineas, paid his own tribute. "We were friends for years, both socially and professionally. He was very brave and I had a great respect for him."

In addition to his 75 group one victories in France, Boutin landed three British classics and completed the Irish Derby-Oaks double in 1976. He remains the only European trainer to win four US Eclipse Awards with April Run, Arazi and Miesque, who won the Turf female category in both 1987 and 1988.

Maria Niarchos, whose father, Stavros, owns Miesque, said yesterday: "Our greatest moments in racing have been due to the Niarchos-Boutin partnership. He will be deeply missed." Perhaps the best instance of their working relationship was Boutin's dominance of the Prix Jacques le Marois, sponsored by the Greek shipping magnate.

Boutin won the race seven times in the last nine seasons, on five occasions with Niarchos-owned horses. Yet that almost pales into insignificance when set against Boutin's achievements in France's most prestigious two-year-old race, the Prix de la Salamandre, which he won a record 12 times. But the Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe eluded his grasp: only in October, Hernando just failed to overhaul Carnegie in a tight finish.

Cash Asmussen, the Texan who rode for Boutin in two separate spells, could not adequately gather his thoughts. "There isn't enough paper to put down what I'd like to say about François," Asmussen said. "Our relationship ran too deep to say anything now." His thoughts are shared by many.

**RICHARD EVANS**

**Nap: GENERAL WOLFE**
(3.50 Towcester)
**Next best: Northern Saddler**
(1.50 Towcester)

*Richard Evans landed a good-priced nap yesterday with Legal Fiction (6-1).*



Boutin captured 17 French classics in an outstanding training career

# Dignity in defeat lasting memory of a great man

By Richard Evans, Racing Correspondent

THE 1,881 victories, including two dozen classic successes, accumulated during a training career spanning 30 years are testament to the greatness of the man, but I will always remember Francois Boutin for his dignity and decency when confronted with the most painful defeat.

Arazi had just been humbled in the 1992 Kentucky Derby and Boutin was to be found half an hour later in Barn 45 at Churchill Downs soothing his flawed equine genius and stroking the chestnut's neck.

After all the hype and hope surrounding Arazi, the brilliant winner six months earlier of the Breeders' Cup Juvenile, the defeat at the hands of Lil E Tee would have been too much to bear for many trainers. The American racing press, quick to praise, are even faster to condemn and Boutin, from far away France, was an easy target.

With his wife, Lucy, helping to interpret Boutin emerged from the barn and explained quietly and rationally what had gone wrong. No recriminations, no quickfire excuses, no bitterness. In defeat, the qualities of the man shone like a beacon in the early evening gloom.

Boutin was a proud man, but never pompous; kind and considerate, without being condescending. In the run-up to the ill-fated Kentucky Derby the pressure on the great trainer had been immense, not least because of the shortage of time to prepare Arazi after keyhole surgery carried out on the horse's legs at the insistence of the owners.

As television crews and journalists from Britain and the United States made the pilgrimage to Chantilly, they were received with great courtesy by Boutin.

After a morning spent watching Arazi on the Chantilly gallops, he would invite people to his home for lunch and to talk about the big race. Interviews were always conducted in French, although there was more than a suspicion that his command of the English language was far better than he was prepared to let on.

Although cancer was diagnosed in early 1993 and he underwent intensive treatment, Boutin refused to allow the illness to dull his spirit. Despite losing his distinctive silver hair, the warmth of his smile and the twinkle in his eyes remained as vibrant as ever as he continued to race in Britain and France.

## SEDGEFIELD

THUNDERER
1.10 Stoney Brook
1.40 Fret
2.10 Kenilworth Lad
2.40 Nawrik
3.10 Stop The Waller
3.40 Livio
4.10 **OAT COUTURE** (nap)

GOING: GOOD TO SOFT, SOFT IN PLACES (7.30AM INSPECTION) SIS

### 1.10 MAINSFORTH MAIDEN CHASE
(Div I: £2,843: 2m 5f) (11 runners)

1 245/0-00 BUSY BOY 20 (Exors of Mr R Lamb) D Lamb 8-11-7 ... Mr A Manners (7) –
2 052-630 EASBY JOKER 20 (S) (G Orchard) S Kettlewell 7-11-7 ... R Garritty –
3 50 FORDSTOWN 17 (J Alexander) J Barclay 6-11-7 ... A Thornton 84
4 1/VU- GARCALL 395 (S) (D Williams) D Williams 9-11-7 ... N Doughty –
5 8-4U KIBBY BANK 17 (J Henderson (Co Durham)) J Johnson 6-11-7 ... N Williamson 88
6 504-306 LAST REFUGE 38 (Mrs V Clayton) T Carr 6-11-7 ... Richard Guest –
7 06PY MR SNEEZE EASY 1405 (I Giles) M Barraclough 9-11-7 ... T Reed –
8 /60/F-P PARSON'S QUEST 17 (N Mason) N Mason 9-11-7 ... R Supple –
9 040-404 STONEY BROOK 45 (D Grimes) C Parker 7-11-7 ... Mr D Parker (5) 98
10 50F0 TUDOR FELLOW 12 (J Wade) J Wade 6-11-7 ... K Jones –
11 04-P3PU MISCHIEVOUS GIRL 13 (Mrs V Robson) R Tate 7-11-2 ... Mrs F Needham [top]

BETTING: 9-4 Kibby Bank, 11-4 Stoney Brook, 4-1 Easby Joker, 7-1 Mischievous Girl, 14-1 Fordstown, Garcall, 16-1 others.

1994: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

FORM FOCUS

EASBY JOKER 11l 3rd of 17 to Noyan in novice hurdle at Newcastle (2m 4f, good) on penultimate start. FORDSTOWN 34¾l 5th of 6 to Golden Fiddle in novice chase at Ayr (2m 4f, soft). GARCALL winning pointer, completed point-to-point treble when beating Royella 4l in restricted at Dalston (3m, good) March 1993. KIBBY BANK 19¼l 4th of 15 to Barney Rubble in novice chase at Hexham (3m 1f, heavy) on penultimate start. STONEY BROOK about 7¾l 4th of 11 to Cardenden in maiden chase at Edinburgh (2m, good). MISCHIEVOUS GIRL best effort when 24l 3rd of 12 to Dark Oak in novice chase at Market Rasen (2m 4f, good).
Selection: STONEY BROOK

### 1.40 JOHN WADE HAULAGE CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE
(£1,968: 2m 1f 110yd) (16 runners)

1 14P6P-0 OLD EROS 38 (G,S) (T Child) Mrs M Reveley 11-12-0 ... M Herrington (5) –
2 031550 FRET 12 (G,S) (N Honeyman) J Wainwright 5-11-13 ... P Midgley 97
3 5221/62- THARSIS 531 (F,G) (W Smith) W Smith 10-11-3 ... N Stocks (5) 97
4 4-P0152 SKOLERN 13 (V,F,G) (A Harrison) A Harrison 11-11-1 ... D Bentley 93
5 404653 CHEEKY POT 12 (B,CD,F,S) (P & I Darling) Denys Smith 7-11-1 ... D Ryan (5) 96
6 U/3042 BARDAISH 15 (Arden Racing Club) M Barraclough 9-10-7 ... G Lee [top]
7 11200/P VIENNA WOODS 51 (S) (R Wragg) Jimmy Fitzgerald 8-10-1 ... E Callaghan (5) –
8 U-P3346 TROPNEVAD 58 (V) (J Davenport) J Jefferson 7-10-0 ... M Newton (5) 90
9 056200 SHUT UP 20 (CD,S) (George R Moscrop) Mrs E Moscrop 6-10-0 ... F Perratt 93
10 1FP STEADFAST ELITE 92 (D,G) (J Clayton) J J O'Neill 4-10-0 ... A Roche 90
11 00043-P MAC RAMBLER 14 (Kendall White & Co Ltd) N Bycroft 8-10-0 ... D Towler (5) 90
12 R0F0 NOSMO KING 19 (Mrs M Kendall) Mrs M Kendall 4-10-0 ... R McGrath (5) –
13 P005-05 YACHT CLUB 13 (F) (E Spencer) J Eyre 13-10-0 ... C Elliott (7) 85
14 D/PPP-R ARTHUR BEE 13 (Mrs D Bousfield) B Bousfield 8-10-0 ... J K McCarthy (7) –
15 8-P654 ARITAM 58 (V) (R Dalton) T Carr 6-10-0 ... J Supple 80
16 000/06- EASY RHYTHM 439 (B Temple) B Temple 8-10-0 ... B Harding (3) –

Long handicap: Shut Up 9-13, Steadfast Elite 9-13, Mac Rambler 9-9, Nosmo King 9-8, Yacht Club 9-5, Arthur Bee 9-5, Aritam 9-1, Easy Rhythm 8-12.

BETTING: 7-2 Cheeky Pot, 9-2 Skolern, 6-1 Bardaish, 7-1 Fret, 8-1 Old Eros, 10-1 Steadfast Elite, 14-1 Yacht Club, 16-1 others.

1994: VERY EVIDENT 5-10-0 J Callaghan (4-1) G Moore 13 ran

FORM FOCUS

FRET best recent effort when 14¾l 5th of 14 to Dotora in handicap hurdle at Catterick (2m, good). THARSIS ¾l 2nd of 4 to Nans Jewel in handicap hurdle at Perth (2m 4f 110yd, good to firm). SKOLERN 6l 2nd of 15 to Gold Pursuit in conditional jockeys selling hurdle at Catterick (2m 3f, soft) with YACHT CLUB (4lb worse off) 12l 5th. ARTHUR BEE every chance when ran out 3 out. CHEEKY POT 1l and neck 3rd of 15 to Fly To The End in conditional jockeys selling handicap hurdle at Catterick (2m, soft).
BARDAISH 7l 2nd of 15 to Star Market in selling handicap hurdle at Ludlow (2m, soft). TROPNEVAD best effort this season when 10¾l 3rd of 14 to Milne's Villain in selling hurdle at Hexham (2m, good) with ARITAM 44½l 10th. SHUT UP best recent effort when 2l 2nd of 13 to Superhoo in novice selling handicap hurdle over course and distance (good to soft) with ARITAM (17lb worse off) 9l 5th. STEADFAST ELITE best effort this season beat Solo Charter 6l in selling hurdle at Market Rasen (2m 1f 110yd, good) with SHUT UP (23lb better off) 52l 9th.
Selection: BARDAISH

### 2.10 HETTON NOVICES HANDICAP CHASE
(£2,538: 2m 5f) (10 runners)

1 3P21-F1 SON OF IRIS 84 (F,G) (MHG Systems Ltd) Mrs M Reveley 7-11-10 ... L Wyer 89
2 1241-24 KENILWORTH LAD 38 (BF,F,G,S) (D Bell) Mrs M Reveley 7-11-0 ... P Niven 93
3 62120-P CARSON CITY 83 (BF,S) (J L Fish Ltd) Mrs M Reveley 8-10-13 ... N Smith –
4 UFP/P5 ANOTHER DYER 48 (S) (Mackinnon Mills) L Lungo 11-10-8 ... T Reed –
5 253316 HIGHLY DECORATED 17 (G,S) (Mrs S Smith) Mrs S Smith 10-10-3 Mr L Donnelly (7) [top]
6 104204 INTEGRITY BOY 38 (B,F,G,S) (N Lowrey) N Tinkler 8-10-3 ... M Dwyer 92
7 35P-435 HIGHLAND POACHER 44 (S) (G Salters) D McCain 8-10-0 ... A Maguire 96
8 3/2P-006 GREEN TRIX 45 (R Green) C Parker 7-10-0 ... B Storey 85
9 250-05P WAYWARD EDWARD 12 (B) (P Lamyman) Mrs S Lamyman 9-10-0 ... R Davis 73
10 /P6P60 DOUGLAS RIDGE 12 (N Tutty) Mrs K Tutty 7-10-0 ... Mr N Tutty –

Long handicap: Green Trix 9-4, Wayward Edward 9-0, Douglas Ridge 8-13.

BETTING: 6-4 Kenilworth Lad, 7-4 Son Of Iris, 6-1 Highly Decorated, 10-1 Carson City, 12-1 Another Dyer, 14-1 Highland Poacher, 16-1 others.

1994: VAYRUA 9-11-7 A Lamach (3-1 fav) J Hellens 14 ran

FORM FOCUS

SON OF IRIS beat Royal Vacation 2l in 5-runner novice chase at Kelso (3m 1f, good to firm). KENILWORTH LAD 10½l 4th of 10 to Master Boston in novice chase over course and distance (good to soft). CARSON CITY 2½l 2nd of 15 to Ridwan in handicap hurdle at Nottingham (3m 4f, soft) March 1994. HIGHLY DECORATED beat Willsbelong ½l in novice handicap chase at Catterick (2m 3f, soft) on penultimate start with WAYWARD EDWARD (5lb worse off) 23½l 5th. INTEGRITY BOY best chase effort this season when 5l 2nd of 5 to Seagull Hollow in novice handicap chase here (2m 1f, good to soft). HIGHLAND POACHER 25l 5th to Martinas Swan Song in novice handicap chase at Hereford (2m, good to soft).
Selection: KENILWORTH LAD

COURSE SPECIALISTS

| TRAINERS | Wins | Rnrs | % | JOCKEYS | Winners | Rides | % |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Mrs M Reveley | 69 | 223 | 30.9 | D Towler | 3 | 5 | 60.0 |
| Jimmy Fitzgerald | 17 | 60 | 28.3 | G Lee | 6 | 16 | 37.5 |
| D Eddy | 3 | 11 | 27.3 | P Niven | 56 | 191 | 29.3 |
| M H Easterby | 24 | 96 | 25.0 | L Wyer | 27 | 111 | 24.3 |
| S Kettlewell | 5 | 21 | 23.8 | N Williamson | 6 | 30 | 20.0 |
| N Mason | 5 | 26 | 19.2 | J Callaghan | 22 | 120 | 18.3 |

## GUIDE TO OUR IN-LINE RACECARD

101 113143 GOOD TIMES 13 (BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hall 12-0 ... B West (7) 88

Racecard number. Six-figure form (F — fell P — pulled up. U — unseated rider. B — brought down. S — slipped up. R — refused. D — disqualified). Horse's name. Days since last outing; F if flat. (B — blinkers. V — visor. H — hood. E — Eyeshield. C — course winner. D — distance winner. CD — course and distance winner. BF — beaten favourite in latest race). Going on which horse has won (F — firm, good to firm, hard. G — good. S — soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. The Times Private Handicapper's rating.

### 2.40 RAMSIDE HANDICAP CHASE (£2,906: 3m 3f) (10 runners)

1 11P022- FIFTH AMENDMENT 292 (B,F,G,S) (R Ponsonby) C Mann 10-12-0 ... Mr R Ponsonby 87
2 0-35523 PRINCE YAZA 13 (F,G,S) (Mrs M Curtis) J Curtis 8-11-9 ... L O'Hara [top]
3 FPP-P42 CONCERT PAPER 33 (G,S) (S Hammond) M H Easterby 11-11-5 ... L Wyer 94
4 0211-8U RUSTINO 13 (G,S) (Cadiz Ltd) W Cunningham 9-11-5 ... N Smith –
5 5-42U40 GATHERING TIME 19 (B,CD,G,S) (Miss V Haigh) Mrs S Smith 9-11-3 Richard Guest 89
6 0-04136 DUCHESS OF TUBBER 27 (BF,S) (GHH Estates Ltd) R Fisher 7-11-3 ... A Thornton 95
7 F-12230 FOUR DEEP 47 (F,G,S) (The Braw Partnership) J Johnson 7-11-2 ... N Williamson 91
8 00-P033 CALL THE SHOTS 13 (J Wade) J Wade 6-10-10 ... K Jones 91
9 F-P032F NAWRIK 12 (S) (Mrs J Pautherer) L Lungo 6-10-9 ... F Perratt (5) 91
10 4P/0PP-6 MAJIC RAIN 19 (S) (D Tate) D Eddy 10-10-6 ... B Storey 89

BETTING: 5-2 Concert Paper, 3-1 Four Deep, 5-1 Prince Yaza, Nawrik, 8-1 Fifth Amendment, 12-1 others.

1994: CHOCTAW 10-10-7 C Hawkins (5-2) P Beaumont 6 ran

FORM FOCUS

FIFTH AMENDMENT 13l 2nd of 7 to Sunny Mount in hunter chase at Bangor (3m 110yd, good). PRINCE YAZA 20l 3rd of 9 to Valiant Warrior in handicap chase at Catterick (2m 3f, soft). CONCERT PAPER 13½l 2nd of 8 to Pims Gunner in handicap chase at Catterick (3m 1f 110yd, soft). DUCHESS OF TUBBER 7l 3rd of 5 to Eastern Oasis in handicap chase at Ayr (3m 3f 110yd, soft) on penultimate start. FOUR DEEP 3¾l 3rd of 6 to Sir Peter Lely in handicap chase at Edinburgh (3m, good to firm) on penultimate start. CALL THE SHOTS 14l 3rd of 18 to Crank Shaft in novice chase at Catterick (3m 1f 110yd, soft). RUSTINO losing ground when unseated rider 12th. NAWRIK 10l 2nd of 8 to Pims Gunner in handicap chase at Catterick (3m 1f 110yd, good to soft) on penultimate start with CONCERT PAPER 20½l 4th.
Selection: CONCERT PAPER

### 3.10 MAINSFORTH MAIDEN CHASE (Div II: £2,843: 2m 5f) (10 runners)

1 000/U BARICHSTE 38 (T Hughes) M W Easterby 7-11-7 ... R Garritty –
2 06/40 BLASTER BINS 17 (F) (The Braw Partnership) J Johnson 7-11-7 ... A Maguire –
3 433/354- BRABINER LAD 243 (T Laxton) T Laxton 11-11-7 ... S Turner –
4 5/5P/60 GO MILETRIAN 23 (S) (F Kirby) F Kirby 11-11-7 ... N Smith –
5 /P4U0P MILEY PIKE 13 (N Tutty) Mrs K Tutty 8-11-7 ... Mr N Tutty –
6 B4P45P OLD REDWOOD 12 (Halewood Vintners Ltd) D McCain 8-11-7 ... D McCain (5) 92
7 06-0040 SCOTCH 'N IRISH 20 (B Brindle) Mrs S Smith 6-11-7 ... Mr P Murray (7) –
8 23PU32 STOP THE WALLER 12 (R Burgan) M Barnes 6-11-7 ... A Dobbin [top]
9 0/0 NELADAR 45 (T Smith) R Barr 8-11-2 ... M Moloney –
10 24-0555 SUPER SANDY 38 (Mrs F Walton) F Walton 8-11-2 ... K Johnson 97

BETTING: 2-1 Stop The Waller, 9-2 Super Sandy, 5-1 Blaster Bins, 6-1 Old Redwood, 8-1 others.

1994: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

FORM FOCUS

BRABINER LAD 18½l 4th to Lynch Law in hurdle at Stratford (2m 6f 110yd, good). MILEY PIKE 83l 7th to Toogood To Be True in novice chase at Doncaster (3m, good) on penultimate start. OLD REDWOOD about 20½l 5th to Tyrone Bridge in novice chase at Southwell (3m 110yd, soft) on penultimate start. STOP THE WALLER 10l 2nd of 12 to Golden Isle in novice chase at Catterick (2m, heavy). NELADAR 65l 8th to Cardenden in maiden chase at Edinburgh (2m, good) with STOP THE WALLER unseated rider 6th. SUPER SANDY 40½l 5th to Master Boston in novice chase over course and distance (good to soft).
Selection: STOP THE WALLER

### 3.40 PETERLEE NOVICES HURDLE (£2,388: 2m 5f 110yd) (18 runners)

1 44-5541 EMERALD SEA 17 (S) (Mrs C Alexander) J Barclay 8-11-10 ... A Thornton 81
2 12 JALCANTO 133 (CD,F) (W Davies) Mrs M Reveley 5-11-10 ... P Niven 98
3 2-43615 QUEEN BUZZARD 13 (G) (J Weymes) E Weymes 7-11-5 ... Mr J Weymes 86
4 0 ABBEY LAMP 13 (J Johnson) J Johnson 6-11-4 ... A Maguire –
5 0 AYLESBURY LAD 12 (Exors of Mr R Lamb) D Lamb 6-11-4 Mr A Manners (7) –
6 0 BOETHIUS 19 (J Walton) F Walton 6-11-4 ... B Storey –
7 0 PARADISE ROW 48 (F Wilson) M H Easterby 5-11-4 ... L Wyer –
8 2332P PARIAH 12 (Mrs D Meller) R Fisher 5-11-4 ... N Williamson 86
9 P PRECISION PROMISE 38 (R Doyle) D McCain 8-11-4 ... D McCain (5) –
10 56-063 STORMY CORAL 17 (R Green) C Parker 5-11-4 ... Mr D Parker (5) 82
11 1-1033 VALLEY GARDEN 56 (G,S) (The Motley Crew) J J O'Neill 5-11-4 ... M Dwyer 82
12 CITY LIGHTER 464F (J Gledson) J Gledson 5-10-13 ... D Bentley –
13 00 FAIR CRUISE 55 (R Llewellyn) Mrs V Aconley 6-10-13 ... D Byrne –
14 0P/ FAUSTNILUCE LADY 750 (W Smith) W Smith 6-10-13 ... Mr M Cogan –
15 0/ HEATHER RUN 1128 (J Barnes) J Birkett 7-10-13 ... Mr C Rosier –
16 0 MISS MCCORMICK 12 (Mrs D Alder) D Alder 6-10-13 ... K Johnson –
17 002 LIVIO 19 (J Glass) L Lungo 4-10-7 ... T Reed [top]
18 0 DROP THE DONKEY 13 (S Tompkinson) N Bycroft 4-10-2 ... J Callaghan –

BETTING: 5-2 Livio, 11-4 Jalcanto, 4-1 Emerald Sea, 10-1 Valley Garden, Pariah, 12-1 Stormy Coral, 14-1 others.

1994: ALI'S ALIBI 7-11-4 P Niven (3-1 fav) Mrs M Reveley 17 ran

FORM FOCUS

EMERALD SEA beat Corston Racer 10l in 13-runner novice hurdle at Carlisle (2m 1f, soft). JALCANTO 2l 2nd of 13 to Tipping Tim in novice hurdle at Perth (2m 4f 110yd, good). QUEEN BUZZARD beat Mr Dick 11l in novice hurdle at Catterick (3m 3f, good) on penultimate start. PARIAH 3½l 2nd of 16 to After Grace in novice hurdle at Ayr (2m, soft) on penultimate start. STORMY CORAL 7¾l 3rd of 13 to Monaghatic in novice hurdle at Carlisle (2m 1f, soft). VALLEY GARDEN 19l 3rd of 9 to Forbidden Time in novice hurdle at Haydock (2m, heavy). LIVIO 4l 2nd to Golden Hello in novice hurdle at Newcastle (2m 110yd, good).
Selection: JALCANTO (nap)

### 4.10 BOYSTON GROVE HANDICAP HURDLE
(£2,192: 2m 5f 110yd) (9 runners)

1 403-253 BONANZA 66 (CD,F,G,S) (D Needham & Partners) Mrs M Reveley 8-11-13 R Hodge 88
2 241-241 WHITE WILLOW 38 (V,C,S) (H North) Mrs M Reveley 6-11-4 Mr M H Naughton (7) 90
3 P0-1150 SINGLESOLE 38 (D,F,G,S) (Mrs P Sly) Mrs P Sly 10-11-2 ... Lorna Brand (7) 93
4 33-1211 STAR MOVER 38 (D,G,S) (Julian Graves Ltd) C Smith 6-10-12 Mr P Hanly (7) [top]
5 610-551 IMA DELIGHT 47 (D,S) (Mrs P Sly) Mrs P Sly 8-10-9 ... R Marley 98
6 P-64225 DIWALI DANCER 75 (S) (B Case) A Bailey 5-10-9 ... T Kent 89
7 40-2212 OAT COUTURE 17 (BF,S) (Mackinnon Mills) L Lungo 7-10-9 ... T Reed 99
8 15P1/ CHILL WIND 678 (F,G) (E Daley) N Bycroft 6-10-0 ... D Towler (7) –
9 P550PP FIRST LORD 43 (B,G,S) (P Aconley) Mrs V Aconley 9-10-0 ... P Goold (7) –

Long handicap: Chill Wind 9-11, First Lord 9-4

BETTING: 5-2 White Willow, 3-1 Oat Couture, 7-2 Bonanza, 5-1 Ima Delight, 7-1 Diwali Dancer, 10-1 others.

1994: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

FORM FOCUS

BONANZA 16l 3rd of 7 to Major Bell in handicap hurdle at Kelso (2m 6f 110yd, good). WHITE WILLOW beat Salinger 2l in handicap hurdle here (2m 1f 110yd, good to soft). SINGLESOLE best recent effort beat Moonshine Dancer 1¼l in lady riders' handicap hurdle at Nottingham (2m 5f 110yd, heavy). STAR MOVER beat Rocky Bay 20l in selling handicap hurdle at Hereford (3m 3f 110yd, soft). IMA DELIGHT beat Jymjam Johnny 13l in handicap hurdle at Nottingham (2m 5f 110yd, good to soft). DIWALI DANCER 5l 3rd of 6 to Bend Sable in handicap hurdle at Ayr (2m, good to soft) on penultimate start. OAT COUTURE beat Banchory 13l in novice handicap hurdle at Wetherby (2m 4f 110yd, soft) on penultimate start.
Selection: IMA DELIGHT

# Rethink on jockeys' title race

*THE jockeys' championship format may well be changed with winners once again determining the outcome of the title for both Flat and National Hunt racing.*

The controversial prize-money system, which has provoked considerable debate since its introduction at the start of the this Flat season, is likely to be dropped by the Jockeys' Association.

While the jump jockeys' title will continue as a wins-only contest, the Flat championship is to be split to cover the all-weather and Turf campaigns. A new contest will begin at Doncaster in March, the traditional start of the Flat season, through to November. A separate all-weather championship will cover the months from November to March.

The U-turn by the Jockeys' Association, expected to be confirmed within the next few weeks, was signalled after its secretary, Michael Caulfield, was called to Newmarket to discuss the format with concerned riders last week.

Although he denied that the prize-money format was about to be changed, many jockeys are known to favour separate all-weather and Turf championships. This would enable the top jockeys to spend their winters abroad, leaving the all-weather meetings for the weighing room's lesser lights.

## YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

### Wolverhampton

Going: standard

2.10 (1m 4f) 1, Shakdyr (L Dettori, 10-1); 2, Stevie's Wonder (5-2 fav); 3, Johns Act (5-1). 8 ran. Nk, 4l. R Hollinshead. Tote: £9.40; £3.60, £1.40, £1.10. DF: £12.70. CSF: £33.39. Tricast: £128.81.

2.40 (5f) 1, Primula Bairn (J Weaver, 11-10); 2, Very Dicey (Evens fav); 3, Tommy Tempest (11-1). 4 ran. 4l, 2½l. Mrs J Ramsden. Tote: £2.10. DF: £1.10. CSF: £2.41.

3.10 (1m 1f 79yd) 1, Legal Fiction (T Williams, 6-1, Richard Evans's nap); 2, Tu Opes (8-1); 3, Sieve Of Time (5-1). Sharp Conquest 9-2 fav. 11 ran. 3½l, 1½l. M Johnston. Tote: £7.20; £1.80, £1.30, £3.90. DF: £26.10. Trio: £66.70. CSF: £49.44. Tricast: £236.26.

3.40 (6f) 1, Go Hever Golf (G Carter, 9-4 fav); 2, Crystal Loop (12-1); 3, Stoppes Brow (6-1). 8 ran. 4l, 2½l. T Naughton. Tote: £2.80; £1.30, £4.30, £1.60. DF: £18.60. CSF: £26.27. Tricast: £132.85.

4.10 (6f) 1, Whittingham Girl (G Carter, 11-10 fav); 2, David James' Girl (3-1); 3, Nedwaty (9-2). 9 ran. ½l, 1l. J Berry. Tote: £2.70; £1.40, £1.30, £1.50. DF: £4.70. CSF: £5.48.

4.40 (7f) 1, Ziggy's Dancer (J Weaver, 3-1); 2, Indian Serenade (11-10 fav); 3, Europharm Lassie (9-1). 7 ran. NR: Frankly My Dear. 11l, 1¾l. E Alston. Tote: £3.00; £2.00, £1.10. DF: £2.20. CSF: £6.71. Tricast: £22.63.

5.10 (7f) 1, Canary Falcon (W Woods, 2-1); 2, At The Savoy (3-1); 3, Rustic League (16-1). Slip A Coin 7-4 fav. 7 ran. NR: Lunar Prince. 3l, ¾l. R O'Sullivan. Tote: £3.60; £2.00, £1.10. DF: £4.70. CSF: £8.36. Tricast: £65.74.

Jackpot: £3,419.90.
Placepot: £24.00. Quadpot: £5.70.

## COURSE SPECIALISTS

LINGFIELD PARK: Trainers: G Wragg, 9 winners from 22 runners, 40.9%; P Cole, 21 from 85, 24.7%; J Berry, 19 from 85, 22.4%; D Elsworth, 9 from 50, 18.0%; M Johnston, 28 from 157, 17.8%. Jockeys: L Dettori, 53 winners from 197 rides, 26.9%; J Weaver, 33 from 144, 22.9%; R Cochrane, 23 from 148, 15.5%; B Doyle, 24 from 179, 13.4%; W Woods, 8 from 60, 13.3%.

TOWCESTER: Trainers: J Moore, 4 winners from 11 runners, 36.4%; D Nicholson, 14 from 50, 28.0%; R Hodges, 6 from 22, 27.3%; M Wilkinson, 3 from 12, 25.0%; O Brennan, 21 from 85, 24.7%. Jockeys: J Burke, 3 from 4, 75.0%; M Brennan, 21 from 76, 27.6%; M Perrett, 5 from 22, 22.7%; W Marston, 10 from 54, 18.5%; A Maguire, 10 from 57, 17.5%.

## LINGFIELD PARK

THUNDERER
1.30 Dancing Diamond. 2.00 Lon Isa. 2.30 Lift Boy. 3.00 Little Miss Ribot. 3.30 Komodo. 4.00 Pigalle Wonder. 4.30 Art Form.

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 4.00 **PERILOUS PLIGHT**.

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 3.00 **BRAVEBOY** (nap). 4.00 Titania's Dance.

GOING: STANDARD SIS
DRAW: 6F-1M, LOW NUMBERS BEST

### 1.30 ALBERTA SELLING HANDICAP
(Div I: £2,427: 1m 5f) (10 runners)

101 (9) 00-5 GLOWING PATH 7 (B,F,S) R Hodges 5-9-10 ... L Dettori 95
102 (2) 6-23 CLIBURNEL NEWS 8 (D,F,G) W Muir 5-9-10 ... J Weaver 96
103 (6) 4-23 DANCING DIAMOND 5 (C,G) Miss B Sanders 5-9-5 ... S Sanders (5) 93
104 (1) 0-04 MOGWAI 5 (G) M Meade 6-9-2 ... V Slattery 87
105 (4) 00-4 FIERY SUN 31 (V) J Eyre 10-8-3 ... J Quinn 94
106 (7) 0-00 CHAPTER TWO 19 S Dow 4-8-3 ... Stephen Davies 85
107 (3) 0-06 CONE LANE 12 (H,CD,F,G) B Gubby 9-8-2 ... G Bardwell [top]
108 (8) 3345 MALINGERER 12 D Wilson 4-8-0 ... N Gwilliams 91
109 (10) 0-00 PERSIAN BUD 20 (V,G) J Bosley 7-7-13 ... C Rutter 83
110 (5) 0-00 WRITTEN AGREEMENT 6 R Peacock 7-7-7 ... M Baird (7) –

11-4 Cliburnel News, 7-2 Dancing Diamond, 4-1 Mogwai, 5-1 others.

### 2.00 ALBERTA SELLING HANDICAP
(Div II: £2,426: 1m 5f) (10)

201 (6) 0-05 UPPER MOUNT CLAIR 14 (B) C Brittain 5-9-13 ... B Doyle 89
202 (10) 00-4 SUPER ASSIGNATION 23 D Elsworth 4-9-9 ... D Harrison 89
203 (5) 301V SO DISCREET 120J (F) J White 7-9-7 ... S Drowne (5) –
204 (2) -121- ZONK 161J (D,F) R Frost 5-9-1 ... P McCabe (5) 90
205 (1) 0-02 LON ISA 9 B Palling 4-8-11 ... A Clark [top]
206 (4) 0350 SWEET CAROLINE 10 (E) Pat Mitchell 4-8-9 ... J McLaughlin 92
207 (9) -466 CELESTIAL FAITH 7 M Johnston 4-8-5 ... T Williams 92
208 (7) 000- ANN HILL 44 (C,F,G) R Hollinshead 5-8-4 ... A Eddery (7) 91
209 (3) 504- SIDE BAR 23J (B,F) M Ryan 5-8-1 ... D Biggs 98
210 (8) 00/5 TOKANDA 23 (G) F Yardley 11-7-7 ... M Baird (7) –

5-2 Lon Isa, 3-1 Zonk, 7-2 So Discreet, Celestial Faith, 7-1 Side Bar, 8-1 others.

### 2.30 BRITISH COLUMBIA CLAIMING STAKES
(£2,713: 6f) (8)

301 (5) 0-54 FARFELU 12 (B,C,D,F,G) W Muir 8-9-5 ... J Weaver 92
302 (2) 0422 FARNDALE 6 (D,G) J Berry 8-8-10 ... C Lowther (7) 81
303 (4) 0-6 FORBIDDEN GEM 16 S Woodman 4-8-9 ... M Fenton 68
304 (3) 000- MHEANMETOO 132 (F) D Williams 4-8-7 ... D Griffiths (5) 92
305 (8) 5-20 RESPECTABLE JONES 5 (CD,F,G,S) R Hollinshead 9-8-7 ... L Dettori 89
306 (6) 6-13 LIFT BOY 15 (D,F,G) A Moore 6-8-6 ... Candy Morris [top]
307 (7) 0-00 BOLD CYRANO 12 B Palling 4-8-5 ... A Clark –
308 (1) -444 TYRIAN PURPLE 10 (B,F,G,S) T Naughton 7-8-5 ... D Harrison 83

11-4 Farfelu, 3-1 Lift Boy, 7-2 Mheanmetoo, 6-1 Respectable Jones, 7-1 others.

### 3.00 DAILY STAR AWT CHALLENGE SERIES HANDICAP (Qualifier: £2,788: 1m 2f) (9)

401 (2) 00-2 A MILLION WATTS 23 (BF,F) Lady Herries 4-9-13 ... T Ives 91
402 (6) 0-35 BRAVEBOY 8 (B,S) C Brittain 7-9-12 ... B Doyle 90
403 (1) 000- SOZZLED 38J (V,G) A Barrow 4-9-12 ... S Drowne (5) 89
404 (8) 21-4 HILLSDOWN BOY 28 (CD,G) S Dow 5-9-9 ... S Sanders (5) 92
405 (9) 3-54 CAPTAIN MARMALADE 7 (CD,G) D Thom 6-9-2 ... D R McCabe (3) 90
406 (3) 0-00 PAIR OF JACKS 12 (G) D Wilson 5-8-1 ... N Gwilliams –
407 (4) 0-01 LITTLE MISS RIBOT 7 (CD,F,G) R O'Sullivan 5-7-12 (5ex) ... Stephen Davies 92
408 (5) 0-00 GREATEST HOPES 16 C Benstead 4-7-9 ... J Quinn [top]
409 (7) 0-05 COALISLAND 7 (B,C,S) R Ingram 5-7-9 ... D Wright (3) 95

3-1 Braveboy, 4-1 A Million Watts, 9-2 Little Miss Ribot, 5-1 Coalisland, 11-2 Hillsdown Boy, 6-1 Captain Marmalade, 8-1 others.

### 3.30 QUEBEC MAIDEN STAKES
(3-Y-O: £3,572: 1m) (7)

501 (6) 002- KOMODO 50 D Elsworth 9-0 ... D Harrison [top]
502 (1) PEUTETRE C Brittain 9-0 ... B Doyle –
503 (4) WELSH WIZZARD C Williams 9-0 ... M Rimmer –
504 (3) WORLDNEWS EXTRA P Cole 9-0 ... C Rutter –
505 (2) 5 ATHINAR 7 C Wildman 8-9 ... Stephen Davies 69
506 (5) 0 INCHKEITH 22 (BF) G Wragg 8-9 ... D Gibbs (7) –
507 (7) 0-5 LA FILLE DE CIRQUE 21 R Williams 8-9 ... R Cochrane 71

9-4 Komodo, 7-2 Worldnews Extra, 4-1 Athinar, La Fille De Cirque, 6-1 others.

### 4.00 ONTARIO HANDICAP (£3,095: 1m) (12)

601 (11) 0-00 SHEPHERD MARKET 12 (F) D Wilson 4-9-13 ... G Carter 89
602 (4) 0241 PERILOUS PLIGHT 2 (F,G) W Muir 4-9-10 (6ex) ... J Weaver [top]
603 (9) 01/0 TITANIA'S DANCE 17 (G) M Bell 4-9-6 ... M Fenton –
604 (3) 000- MR BROWNING 98 M Campion 4-9-4 ... R Cochrane 82
605 (1) 30-1 SHANSI 7 (V,C,G) M Usher 4-8-13 (6ex) ... R Street 94
606 (6) 6234 EASTLEIGH 3 (CD,G,S) R Hollinshead 6-8-11 ... L Dettori 89
607 (2) 03-0 POSSIBILITY 23 (B,F) R Ingram 4-8-5 ... W Woods 92
608 (8) 30-4 ZINBAQ 23 (CD,F,G,S) C Benstead 9-8-3 ... T Williams 92
609 (10) 00-0 QUIET MISSION 27 J Eyre 4-8-0 ... J Quinn 80
610 (5) 0-55 PIGALLE WONDER 21 (B,CD,G) R O'Sullivan 7-7-11 ... Stephen Davies 98
611 (7) 4-63 SWALLOW RIDGE 9 R O'Sullivan 6-7-9 ... N Adams 90
612 (12) 00-5 LAC DE GRAS 28 R Curtis 4-7-9 ... G Bardwell –

7-2 Perilous Plight, 4-1 Shansi, 11-2 Swallow Ridge, 6-1 Eastleigh, 7-1 others.

### 4.30 MANITOBA HANDICAP (£3,589: 1m 4f) (7)

1 (4) 11-1 ART FORM 9 (CD,F,G) C Cyzer 8-10-3 (5ex) ... T Ives 95
2 (6) 161- RAPPORTEUR 313 (CD,F,G,S) C C Elsey 9-10-0 C Rutter 90
3 (3) 0-00 ONE OFF THE RAIL 15 (CD,G) A Moore 5-9-12 ... Candy Morris [top]
4 (5) 00-0 VISHNU 29 (V,D,F,G) J Eyre 5-9-8 ... A Clark –
5 (7) 4-30 OUR EDDIE 9 (V,C,G) B Gubby 6-9-6 ... L Dettori 96
6 (2) -823 BAG OF TRICKS 12 (G) S Dow 5-9-0 ... D Harrison 97
7 (1) 000- MR COPYFORCE 101 (CD,F,G) Miss B Sanders 5-9-0 ... Amanda Bowen (7) 88

5-2 Art Form, 3-1 One Off The Rail, 7-2 Bag Of Tricks, Rapporteur, 7-1 others.

## Blinkered first time

LINGFIELD PARK: 3.00 Sozzled. 4.30 Vishnu. SEDGEFIELD: 1.40 Aritam, Arthur Bee. TOWCESTER: 1.50 Repeat The Dose. 3.50 Crosa's Delight, Grunge, Mister Hochberg.

## TOWCESTER

THUNDERER
1.20 Rowlandsons *Gold*. 1.50 *Repeat The Dose*. 2.20 Badrakhani. 2.50 Viva Bella. 3.20 Treasure Again. 3.50 Kadi. 4.20 Hoh Delivery.

GOING: HEAVY (7.30AM INSPECTION) SIS

### 1.20 CANONS ASHBY SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,425: 2m 5f) (21 runners)

1 23-1 MAJOR'S LAW 43 (G,S) J White 6-12-0 ... P McLaughlin (5)
2 4435 WHAT IF 64 (C,BF,F,G,S) O Brennan 11-11-13 ... M Brennan
3 -R06 CARFAX 45 (B,CD,G,S) R Hoad 10-11-8 ... A S Smith
4 5241 ROWLANDSONS GOLD 27 (CD,G,S) G L Moore 5-11-8 ... A P McCoy (3)
5 332- IT'S NOT MY FAULT 325 (D,G,S) P Jones 7-11-7 Mr J Culloty (7)
6 2/3F HIGH POST 62 (BF) G Ham 6-11-3 ... D Fortt (5)
7 P51- THE JET SET 334 (S) Mrs H Parrott 8-11-3 ... D Leahy (3)
8 80-6 VILLA PARK 22 (C,F,S) G Wareham 13-11-1 ... M Perrett
9 646P GEORGE BUCKINGHAM 27 (D,S) G Ham 10-10-13 G Tormey (5)
10 4-04 SOUL TRADER 35 N Babbage 6-10-12 ... A Maguire
11 1526 TARGET LINE 14 (S) Mrs S Smith 5-10-12 ... Richard Guest
12 R0RP NEGATORY 33 (F,G,S) M Chapman 8-10-11 ... W Worthington
13 PP-P HOLY FOLEY 27 (F,G,S) K Bishop 13-10-9 ... R Greene
14 3506 IVYCHURCH 24 J Joseph 9-10-7 ... Karen Cook (7)
15 0-06 GLEN MIRAGE 38 (F) Mrs F White 10-10-5 ... Miss S White
16 00-P ONE TO NOTE 31 (C,S) M Muggeridge 11-10-4 ... D Meade
17 RRR- I'M SPECIAL 303P Mrs J Mayes 7-10-3 ... Mr T Rogers
18 503U STAPLEFORD LADY 17 J Moore 7-10-2 ... W McFarland
19 -F56 SHE KNEW THE RULES 35 D Carey 5-10-0 ... B Powell
20 005 SAFFRON RIVER 22 W G M Turner 4-10-0 ... M Griffiths (7)
21 4500 A SUITABLE GIRL 21 D Williams 4-10-0 ... M A Fitzgerald

9-2 Rowlandsons Gold, 7-1 Major's Law, 8-1 What If, Target Line, 10-1 others.

### 1.50 ALTHORP HANDICAP CHASE
(£3,418: 2m 110yd) (7)

1 13F6 REPEAT THE DOSE 12 (B,CD,F,G,S) T Casey 10-12-0 J Osborne
2 113/ TREVAYLOR 780 (D,G,S) P Hobbs 11-11-10 ... Peter Hobbs
3 2221 JAILBREAKER 34 (D,G,S) B Millman 8-11-8 ... M A Fitzgerald
4 14P1 DUHALLOW LODGE 27 (CD,G,S) D Nicholson 8-11-3 A Maguire
5 4112 NORTHERN SADDLER 31 (D,BF,F,G,S) R Hodges 8-11-1 ... N Williamson
6 U-53 SOCIAL CLIMBER 105 (CD,G,S) A Turnell 11-10-5 ... S McNeill
7 P6F1 JAMES THE FIRST 38 (D,F,G,S) P Nicholls 7-10-5 ... C Maude

9-4 Northern Saddler, 11-4 Duhallow Lodge, 4-1 Jailbreaker, 5-1 others.

### 2.20 LEVY BOARD HANDICAP HURDLE
(£2,163: 2m) (8)

1 1-45 STYLUS 35 (D,G,S) M Chapman 6-12-0 ... W Worthington
2 6024 MARSH'S LAW 14 (CD,F,G,S) O Brennan 8-11-7 ... M Brennan
3 0010 BADRAKHANI 22 (D,G,S) C Nash 9-10-13 ... J R Kavanagh
4 2334 MARINER'S AIR 23 (D,S) J Spearing 8-10-13 ... N Williamson
5 2641 RAIN-N-SUN 23 (D,G,S) J L Harris 9-10-11 ... Mr I McLelland
6 0340 FOX CHAPEL 15 (B,D,G,S) R Juckes 8-10-7 ... W Marston
7 400- BAYLORD PRINCE 248 (S) Miss J Ewer 7-10-1 A P McCoy (3)
8 -354 BANKONIT 34 (V,D,S) P Burgoyne 7-10-1 ... A Maguire

2-1 Marsh's Law, 3-1 Rain-N-Sun, 4-1 Mariner's Air, 9-2 Badrakhani, 8-1 others.

### 2.50 NATIONAL LETTERBOX MARKETING HANDICAP CHASE (£4,824: 3m 1f) (9)

1 -P42 DO BE BRIEF 14 (B,CD,G,S) Mrs J Pitman 10-11-10 W Marston
2 P1P4 VIVA BELLA 19 (B,CD,G,S) Mrs S Bramall 8-11-1 ... J Burke
3 113U CELTIC PRINCE 19 (G,S) N Twiston-Davies 9-10-13 ... W Humphreys
4 5F21 SUNLEY BAY 7 (D,G,S) P Nicholls 9-10-13 (4ex) ... C Maude
5 5P-F LUCKY LANE 21 (B,F,G,S) P Hobbs 11-10-8 ... G Tormey (5)
6 -321 MR FLANAGAN 21 (D,G) C Brooks 9-10-6 ... G Bradley
7 4P-P HILL TRIX 21 (G) K Bishop 9-10-5 ... A Tory
8 F325 LARKSMORE 19 (C,F,S) Miss D Baker 10-10-0 ... N Williamson
9 /31- BOTTLE BLACK 309 (S) Miss K George 8-10-0 A P McCoy (3)

9-4 Mr Flanagan, 3-1 Do Be Brief, 7-2 Sunley Bay, 5-1 Celtic Prince, 6-1 Viva Bella, 16-1 Hill Trix, 20-1 others.

### 3.20 DRAYTON HOUSE NOVICES HURDLE
(£2,705: 2m) (18)

1 -13F JUST ONE CANALETTO 14 (BF,S) N Twiston-Davies 7-11-10 ... W Humphreys
2 4031 REESHLOCH 24 (D,S) A Turnell 6-11-10 ... D Fortt (5)
3 2033 BONNIFER 23 M Wilkinson 6-11-3 ... G McCourt
4 2 BUCKET OF GOLD 27 N Gaselee 5-11-3 ... M A Fitzgerald
5 -433 COURT MASTER 33 R Buckler 7-11-3 ... B Powell
6 04 DO RIGHTLY 38 M Bradstock 6-11-3 ... L Harvey
7 4 JACK THE TD 92 Mrs L Taylor 6-11-3 ... P Ward (7)
8 0342 SPANISH REFUGE 24 Mrs L Richards 5-11-3 ... M Richards
9 5P-3 STEVE FORD 131 C Nash 6-11-3 ... J R Kavanagh
10 -032 TREASURE AGAIN 71 Mrs M Jones 6-11-3 ... G Bradley
11 0 TROUBLE SHOOT 15 Mrs M McCourt 5-11-3 ... J A McCarthy
12 5 MALFORD MADAM 38 R Hawker 5-10-12 ... Lorna Vincent
13 /03- MARCONDA 315 G Ham 6-10-12 ... G Upton
14 P- WELTON RAMBLER 289 M Wilkinson 8-10-12 ... J F Titley
15 2R12 LYING EYES 37 (S) W G M Turner 4-10-9 ... M Griffiths (7)
16 BRUZ 122F Miss M Rowland 4-10-7 ... Gary Lyons
17 FRED'S DELIGHT 120F M Heaton-Ellis 4-10-7 ... D Gallagher
18 204 SEAWARD 37 D Nicholson 4-10-2 ... A Maguire

7-2 Court Master, 5-1 Reeshloch, 7-1 Seaward, Treasure Again, 8-1 Bucket Of Gold, Just One Canaletto, 12-1 Bonnifer, Lying Eyes, 14-1 others.

### 3.50 BOUGHTON HOUSE NOVICES CHASE
(£3,111: 2m 6f) (13)

1 5311 COUNTESS VERUSCHKA 27 (CD,G,S) K Bailey 9-11-11 ... N Williamson
2 4221 DESPERATE 22 (G,S) N Twiston-Davies 7-11-10 W Humphreys
3 -U41 GENERAL WOLFE 23 (S) T Forster 6-11-10 ... J R Kavanagh
4 2213 NAZZARO 22 (B,S) W G M Turner 6-11-10 ... P Holley
5 -U0P CROSA'S DELIGHT 22 (B) A Jones 8-11-4 ... L Harvey
6 443P GRUNGE 15 (V,G) D Murray Smith 7-11-4 ... D Gallagher
7 2332 KADI 23 (G,S) D Nicholson 6-11-4 ... A Maguire
8 -60P MISTER HOCHBERG 35 (V,F,S) Mrs V Ward 9-11-4 ... M A Fitzgerald
9 -00P PRIORY PIPER 23 J Pickering 6-11-4 ... W Worthington
10 /5-3 ROYAL IRISH 7 (S) G Balding 11-11-4 ... J Railton
11 0484 TRIMAGE 35 T Forster 7-11-4 ... R Farrant
12 3222 BEAUCHAMP GRACE 17 (S) Mrs S Bramall 6-10-13 ... J Burke
13 3-4F SEASAMACAMILE 35 (S) R Buckler 8-10-13 ... B Powell

5-2 Kadi, 11-4 Countess Veruschka, 7-2 General Wolfe, 7-1 Beauchamp Grace, Desperate, 12-1 Nazzaro, 16-1 others.

### 4.20 CASTLE ASHBY OPEN NATIONAL HUNT FLAT RACE (£1,350: 2m) (18)

1 ACT OF FAITH N Gaselee 5-11-3 ... M A Fitzgerald
2 BRAMBLEHILL BUCK P Nicholls 6-11-3 ... C Maude
3 CRAFTY GUNNER B Preece 5-11-3 ... T Wall
4 6 CREDO BOY 47 K Bishop 6-11-3 ... R Greene
5 GOLDEN NECTAR N Twiston-Davies 5-11-3 ... Mr S Joynes (7)
6 3 HOH DELIVERY 12 Mrs J Renfree-Barons 6-11-3 ... A Maguire
7 0- LONZA VALLEY 468 D Gandolfo 6-11-3 ... D Leahy (3)
8 LORD MCMURROUGH R Simpson 5-11-3 ... D Gallagher
9 ORGAN RECITAL O Brennan 6-11-3 ... M Brennan
10 ROYAL TRUMP M Bradstock 6-11-3 ... P Holley
11 0 BRIDGE DELIGHT 35 M Wilkinson 6-10-12 ... P Ward (7)
12 0 GREENACRES ROSE 31 G Ham 5-10-12 ... B Powell
13 VENDEE Miss J Doyle 6-10-12 ... S McNeill
14 0 A NEW FLAME 27 R Guest 4-10-7 ... Richard Guest
15 6 CHILI-WAH-WAH 27 C Smith 4-10-7 ... Mrs D Smith
16 SON OF A GUNNER R Simpson 4-10-7 ... B Clifford
17 0 CLEARTHERM GIRL 15 (B) R Emery 4-10-0 ... D Winter (7)
18 GIVUSASHOT J Moore 4-10-2 ... L McGrath (7)

2-1 Hoh Delivery, 11-4 Bramblehill Buck, 7-1 Golden Nectar, 8-1 others.

# Turf meetings hang in balance

HOPES are high that racing on turf will resume today after Wolverhampton's all-weather card was the only meeting to go ahead yesterday. However, prospects for the weekend's big meetings at Chepstow and Sandown Park are hanging in the balance after further rain left the going heavy at both courses.

Conditions are raceable for today's meeting at Sedgefield but a precautionary inspection is planned at 7.30 in case of overnight frost.

However, further rain at Towcester could prevent that fixture taking place. Towcester's clerk of the course, Hugo Bevan, said yesterday: "The chances of racing going ahead have greatly improved but we will have another inspection at 7.30 tomorrow morning. There is no rain forecast for overnight and if that is right we will be in the clear."

Waterlogging has already claimed tomorrow's fixture at Lingfield.

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## Alan Lee finds the England captain in refreshingly candid mood

# Growing stronger from seeds of doubt

Michael Atherton has been subjected to more public scrutiny and emotional turmoil in the course of a single year than any young sportsman has a right to expect. As a typically tempestuous Ashes tour entered its finial week, the England captain admitted yesterday that there are times when he wants to stop his runaway world and get off.

"It has been an incredible year," he said. "I might easily have given up this job last summer, after the dirt-in-the-pocket business, and I would be lying if I said there hadn't been times this winter when I wished I had done so. They have been fleeting feelings, usually gone the next morning, but I have certainly felt low enough, more than once, to ask myself some serious questions."

This was no melodrama, for Atherton does not flounce or pose for effect. He has not spent this tour forever on the brink of resignation, nor buried in persecution complexes, and neither, as some might believe, does he think he inherited the most unenviable job in sport. It is just that he is realistic about its burdens and expectations and, after a year in which a week has seldom passed without crisis, triumph or both, he still sometimes wonders if he is cut out for the life.

"I am not besotted by the thought of having my picture in the paper every day," he said. "In fact, I find it a pain in the backside. I am not a very public person, so that side of it is difficult for me. But I am also analytical about my own performances, which has meant I have had periods of self-doubt during this tour."

It was because of such inner concern that, in Adelaide last week, Atherton sought out Ian Chappell, a man whose record as the Australia captain he admires and whose comments on television he respects. The pair had dinner together and Atherton emerged feeling better about himself and his position. "He told me that I had one or two problem areas but that I was only a young bloke and I could not expect to be perfect," he said.

There is the crux. Atherton is only 26, and it is demonstrably unfair to demand perfection of him. Yet this is what has happened in regard to his demeanour, his disciplinary record, his tactics and his body language, let alone his results. That he is still in charge at all, after the turbulence of 1994, is to be wondered at and applauded.

Atherton has been criticised in Australia for being too negative, sometimes with good reason. He admits as much. But it must be remembered that, for much of the tour, his team has performed abysmally and unathletically, creating circumstances not quite ideal for gung-ho cricket.

"I have found this a much harder tour than last winter's," Atherton admitted. "I had more empathy with last year's touring party for one thing. But I am well aware I have had a couple of poor games as captain here and that the scrutiny has been pretty intense. It has been an uncomfortable feeling.

"I always analyse what I have done after a day's cricket and as long as I can say I have done things for the right reasons, I am content. But in the Melbourne Test I was guilty of sending out negative vibes to the team. I was too defensive in their second innings. At Sydney, I was just too far off the pace. A good captain is ahead of the game and I was always that bit too slow. This began to get to me and I started to make decisions on what other people felt rather than being confident in my own judgment."

GRAHAM MORRIS



Atherton, a realist with expectations intact, emphasises a point about his high-profile role as England captain

Such candour from a captain is rare and refreshing but, coming from Atherton, no great surprise. The half-truth he told Peter Burge, the match referee, at Lord's last June, may forever be imprinted on his record, and he may occasionally be guilty of ambiguity to an assembled media, but his honesty is not in question. Neither is his strength of character, a virtue that has expressed itself this winter in a determination to prove to Australia that English cricket is not peopled exclusively by wimps.

"After the last few Ashes series, they have regarded us as being namby-pamby," he said. "I read a comment by Steve Waugh about the afternoon he batted a long time to save the Trent Bridge Test in 1993. He said the English fielders began to chat to him in the last session and he knew then he had us by the throat. I can't abide that and I have set out to make us more aggressive, but I have not entirely succeeded because we are still not being hard enough on the field."

Atherton can be exempted from this. On the field, he is uncompromising. He denies that he never applauds opponents but confirms that he neither talks to them nor socialises during a game. "I don't believe in passing pleasantries on the field and I don't go into their dressing-room for a beer at the end of a day," he said. "I won't stop any of my players from doing it but it isn't right for me."

In the search for national pride he has encouraged the wearing of proper, old-fashioned England caps, rather than the shabby, faded baseball imitations that had become a fad. And to show he is not beyond a brush with etiquette if it brings him an advantage, he ran an overthrow, at a sensitive stage of the first morning in Sydney, after the ball had ricocheted off his own body. "Halfway down I thought, 'what the hell am I doing here?', but it did work in my favour. It upset them for some while afterwards."

He has been equally stern with the media conventions of Australia, refusing to speak to any of the cluster of television crews habitually gathered in airport arrivals halls and dismissing the radio stations that like to phone prominent people before breakfast time. He has not sought to make himself popular, and nor has he done so, but this sits well with his avowed disinclination to do anything for effect.

Atherton now admits to a mistake, in not insisting on a full practice session in Hobart before the first Test, but his policy remains to do nothing just to avoid a media clamour. The same goes for his personal appearance. The other day in Adelaide, he stood at the front

**'Something has to be done and our winning a Test must not alter that'**

of the dressing-room balcony during the lunch interval in full view of the genteel occupants of the members' stand. He was unshaven and wearing only a shirt and jock-strap. It was entirely in character.

He thinks deeply about the game, believing domestic change essential. "There is now a genuine sense that something must be done and our winning a Test must not alter that," he said. He wants to see a two-division county system, with one fewer limited-overs competition. He would also like a player to be on the Test selection panel and suggests either Graham Gooch or Mark Nicholas.

English cricket is fortunate in having Atherton to give stability through these rocky times, not least because he is aware how short-lived it could be. "I try to think long-term in what is best for the side but I don't take it for granted that I will still be doing the job," he said. "We tend to change our captains pretty regularly.

"I am not looking over my shoulder but neither am I kidding myself I will still be doing this in ten years. I do think we can build a decent side and I hope I have the chance to do it. I can say that despite the past year because, if nothing else, it has given me the sort of sensations few other jobs could offer. You don't think so at the time but, in hindsight, even the lows have something to commend them."

# Olonga makes quick strike

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

HENRY OLONGA took a wicket with his third ball in Test cricket as Zimbabwe continued to enjoy much the better of the first Test match against Pakistan in Harare yesterday.

Olonga, 18, the first black player to represent Zimbabwe at Test level, removed Saeed Anwar after coming on as first change. He had him caught down the leg side by Andy Flower, the wicketkeeper. It was an encouraging start for the fast bowler, who was no-balled four times for throwing when the Pakistanis played the President's XI last week.

Pakistan, replying to Zimbabwe's imposing 544 for four declared, reached 51 for one at the close of the second day. Zimbabwe's total, their highest in Test cricket, was based on a double century from Grant Flower and hundreds by his brother, Andy, and Guy Whittall.

The Flowers' stand of 269 for the fourth wicket was the highest between brothers in Test matches, surpassing the 264 Ian and Greg Chappell compiled for Australia against New Zealand in Wellington in 1974. It was also the highest for any wicket for Zimbabwe.

As Pakistan struggled, three former Test players lamented the national team's poor recent performances and said that preparations for the World Cup, due to be held jointly with India in 1996, were inadequate. Fazal Mahmood and Imtiaz Ahmed, who captained Pakistan, and Nazar Mohammad called on the country's president, Farooq Ahmed Leghari, who is also chief patron of cricket, to intervene.

The president dissolved the Board for Control of Cricket in Pakistan in January 1994 and installed an *ad hoc* committee to handle cricket affairs. "We are not making serious preparations for the World Cup," Imtiaz said.

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# History beckons at Perth

BY SIMON WILDE

**FIVE weeks ago, only further humiliation seemed to await England's cricketers in Australia. Now, history beckons. If Michael Atherton's side can win the fifth Test match in Perth, which starts tomorrow, it will become only the second England team to avoid losing a Test series after being 2-0 down.**

**Atherton's injury ravaged and much criticised party will enter distinguished company if it succeeds, because its predecessors hail from a golden era of English cricket. Len Hutton's side, which won the third and fifth Test matches of the tour of the Caribbean in 1954 after losing the first two by wide margins, boasted many famous names apart from its captain: Bailey, Compton, Evans, Graveney, Laker, Lock, May and Trueman all played in the victory in Jamaica with which the series was levelled.**

**Three other teams have recovered from 2-0 down, all while playing England. South Africa came back at home to draw, in 1927-28 and 1956-57, while Australia, in winning the last three matches of the Ashes series in 1936-37, are the only side in history to win from two down.**

**In view of the means by which they won in Adelaide on Monday, England will be encouraged that the venue tomorrow is Perth, one of the most favourable grounds in the world for fast bowlers.**

**Although England themselves were routed there by McDermott, Hughes and Alderman four years ago, they will be willing to take their chances now, buoyed further by the knowledge that there will be little help for Warne, whose Test form at Perth is 62.1-12-164-1.**

ENGLAND v AUSTRALIA AT PERTH: Results: played 7, England won 1, Australia 3, draws 3. Records (England first): Highest totals: 582-8dec (1986-87); 481 (1974-75). Lowest totals: 182 (1990-91); 161 (1978-79). Highest innings: 152 by B C Broad (1986-87); 171 by I R Redpath (1970-71). Best bowling: 6-78 by I T Botham (1979-80); 8-97 by C J McDermott (1990-91).

# Wrangle may delay Mansell deal

BY OLIVER HOLT

HAGGLING over the minutiae of the deal between McLaren and Nigel Mansell is threatening to delay the announcement of their partnership beyond tomorrow. The sticking point now is disagreement over the retention of one of Mansell's personal sponsors. Both sides were given a bit more breathing space yesterday, though, when the start of the Formula One motor racing season was delayed for a fortnight.

Jordan and Benetton have already launched new cars, but many of the other teams were alarmed at the lack of time afforded them before the new season. Senior personnel were particularly concerned because extensive changes to the design of the cars have been demanded through rule changes introduced by the International Motor Sport Federation. For them, the delay will be a welcome reprieve.

The postponement has been occasioned by the effects of the earthquake that struck Japan last month and damaged roads and communications in the area around Aida, where the Pacific Grand Prix was due to be held on April 16.

The Argentine Grand Prix, which was to have opened the season but has been plagued by doubts about the readiness of a new track in Buenos Aires, has been moved to April 9 to replace the Japanese race, and the season will now start in São Paulo, Brazil, on March 26.

The Pacific Grand Prix has not been abandoned, though. It will now take place on October 22, one week before the Japanese Grand Prix at Suzuka, the first time races have been held so closely together in the same country. Such is the level of support for the sport there, however, that organisers believe that attracting supporters will not be a problem.



Mansell: sticking point

Barcelona has been retained as the venue for the Spanish Grand Prix despite speculation that the race would be switched to Jerez, and the European Grand Prix at the Nurburgring has been moved forward one week to October 1. One which may be in jeopardy is the San Marino Grand Prix at Imola. Although it is still on the calendar, its fate may be decided when the long-awaited results of the inquiry into the death of Ayrton Senna there last May are made public.

The only new team in Formula One this year made its launch in Italy yesterday. The Brazilian, Pedro Diniz, will drive for Forti, who are stepping up from the European F3000 championship.

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RADIO CHOICE

# When lovers of song unite

**Choral Voices.** *Radio 3, 4.30pm.*

Not bad — for amateurs! It is sniffy judgments such as this that are challenged in Andrew Green's and Peter Thresh's four programmes featuring non-professional choirs. They are among thousands of groups who entered the Sainsbury Choir of the Year competition held in Buxton, Derbyshire. This Radio 3 series restores to the word "amateur" its original French meaning — "lover of". These singers are lovers of song all right. How else could you explain the uniquely harmonious sound of the barbershop choruses we hear this afternoon? *Choral Voices* is probably radio's first in-depth analysis of the wonderful passion that can be generated when singers happily sacrifice their individuality.

**Ten Pounds and a Box of Kippers.** *Radio 4, 11.00pm.*

Once I stopped worrying about the excessive noisiness of episode one of Paul Brennen's comedy serial (producer Ian Michie should have had a quiet word with his sound engineer), I warmed to it. It has a grittiness that I feared would leave a dirty deposit on my hi-fi system. The setting alone would account for this — a depressing housing estate on a rain-swept promontory. The plot is gritty, too: unscrupulous property developer (Chris Wright) arranges for the local pubs to be smashed up so that he can get his greedy hands on the sites. Two former footballers (Guy Manning, Bill Fellows) join forces to throw a spanner in his works.

**Peter Davalle**

## RADIO 1

FM Stereo **4.00am** Bruno Brookes **6.30** Steve Wright in the Morning **9.00** Simon Mayo **12.00** Lisa L'Anson, including at **12.30-12.45pm** Newsbeat **2.00** Nicky Campbell **4.00** Mark Goodier, including The Amazing Spiderman, and at **5.30-5.45** Newsbeat **7.00** Evening Session **9.00** Soundbite. Simple Minds review their new album, and there is an item on rock for lovers **10.00** Mark Radcliffe **12.00-4.00am** Lynn Parsons

## RADIO 2

FM Stereo **6.00am** Sarah Kennedy **6.15** Pause for Thought **7.30** Wake Up to Wogan **9.15** Pause for Thought **9.30** Ken Bruce **11.30** Jimmy Young **2.00pm** Gloria Hunniford **3.30** Ed Stewart **5.05** John Dunn **7.00** The Comediennes: Beryl Reid (3/7) **7.30** David Allan **9.00** Paul Jones: including a session from the Bop Brothers Blues Band **10.00** From Taunton to Tennessee and Back. Ashley Hutchings examines the cross-fertilisation of British and American music **10.30** The Jamesons **12.05am** Steve Madden **3.00** Alex Lester

## RADIO 5 LIVE

**5.00am** Morning Reports **6.00** The Breakfast Programme, including at **6.55** and **7.55** Racing Preview **8.35** The Magazine, including at **9.40** Film Review, **10.35** Euronews: **11.00** Gut Reaction **12.00** Midday with Mair, including at **12.34pm** Liz Barclay with Moneycheck **2.05** Ruscoe on Five, including at **3.15** Prime Minister's Question Time **4.00** John Inverdale Nationwide **7.00** News Extra, including at **7.20** sport **7.35** Women on Top **8.05** Arthur Smith on the Floor, topical debate from Southampton University **9.05** SportsAmerica **10.05** News Talk **11.00** Night Extra, including at **11.45** The Financial World Tonight **12.05am** Night Moves **2.05-7.00** Test Match: Australia v England. First day of the fifth Test

## WORLD SERVICE

All times in **GMT. 4.30am** BBC English **4.45** Fruhmagazin **5.00** News **6.00** Morgenmagazin **6.30** Europe Today **7.00** News **7.15** *Strong Poison* **7.30** Network UK **8.00** News **8.10** Words of Faith **8.15** Good Books **8.30** John Peel **9.00** News **9.05** Business Report **9.15** From Our Own Correspondent **9.30** The Farming World **9.45** Sport **10.00** News **10.01** Assignment **10.30** Two Cheers for January **11.00** Newsdesk **11.15** BBC English **11.45** Mittagsmagazin **12.00** News **12.10pm** Words of Faith **12.15** Multitrack: X-Press **12.45** Sport **1.00** News **2.05** Outlook **2.30** *Strong Poison* **2.45** The Learning World **3.00** News **3.15** The Greenfield Collection **4.00** News **4.15** BBC English **4.30** Heute Aktuell **5.00** News **5.05** World Business Report **5.15** BBC English **6.00** Newsdesk **6.30** Heute Aktuell **7.00** World News **7.05** Outlook **7.30** On the Move **7.45** The Farming World **8.00** News **8.10** Words of Faith **8.15** The World Today **8.30** Europe Today **9.00** News **10.05** Business Report **10.15** Network UK **10.45** Sport **11.00** Newsdesk **11.30** Two Cheers for January **12.00** News **12.15am** Music Review **1.00** World News **1.05** Outlook **1.30** On the Move **1.45** Global Concerns **2.00** Newsdesk **2.30** Scott Fitzgerald Stories **3.00** News **3.15** Sport **3.30** Focus on Faith **4.00** Newsdesk

## CLASSIC FM

**6.00am** Nick Bailey **9.00** Henry Kelly **12.00** Susannah Simons **2.00pm** Lunchtime Concerto **3.00** Jamie Crick **6.00** Classic Reports **7.00** The Travel Guide **8.00** Evening Concert **10.00** Michael Mappin **1.00am** Robert Booth

## VIRGIN

**6.00am** Russ 'n' Jono **9.00** Gary King **12.00** Graham Dene **4.00pm** Wendy Lloyd **7.00** Paul Coyte **11.00** Nick Abbot **2.00-6.00am** Janey Lee Grace

## RADIO 3

**6.55am** Weather
**7.00 On Air:** Presented by Andrew McGregor. Mozart, arr Vienna Reutlists (Adagio and Allegro); Wolf (Italienisches Liederbuch Nos 9-12); Strauss (Till Eulenspiegels lustige Streiche); Milhaud (Suite Scaramouche); Tallis (Motet: Spem in alium); Mozart (Horn Concerto No 4 in E flat)
**9.00 Composer of the Week:** Tavener. Christopher Page looks at one of Tavener's most famous works, the *Missa' Western Wynde*
**9.45 Musical Encounters,** with Piers Burton-Page. Wilfred Josephs (Concerto for Light Orchestra); Dvořák (Serenade In D minor for wind, Op 44); Bach (Brandenburg Concerto No 3 in G); **10.30** *Artist of the Week*: Jacques Thibaud, violin. Beethoven (Sonata in A, Op 47, Kreutzer); **11.00** Saint-Saëns (The Assassination of the Duke of Guise, Op 128); Florent Schmitt (Kermesse-Valse, L'Eventail de Jeanne); Bantock (Celtic Symphony). Interspersed with settings of Housman's *A Shropshire Lad*
**12.00 Ensemble:** Jill Anderson introduces a recital by the Leopold String Trio. Schubert (Allegro in B flat, D471), Martinů (Trio No 2); Beethoven (Trio in G, Op 9 No 1) (r)
**1.00pm The BBC Orchestras:** BBC Philharmonic under Sachio Fujioka. Rimsky-Korsakov (Overture 'May Night'); Lyadov (The Enchanted Lake); Rachmaninov (Symphonic Dances, Op 45)
**2.00 Schools:** Radio Q and A **2.05** In the News **2.25** Something to Think About: Infant Assemblies **2.40** Music Workshop: Music Course: Orpheus
**3.00 The BBC Orchestras:** BBC National Orchestra of Wales under David Atherton; Ralph Kirschbaum, cello. Mussorgsky (Night on the Bare Mountain); Stravinsky (Symphony in C); Dvořák (Cello Concerto in B minor)
**4.30 Choral Voices:** See Choice
**5.00 The Music Machine**
**5.15 In Tune.** With Nicola Heywood-Thomas
**7.25 Live from Covent Garden:** Walton's *Troilus and Cressida*. A new production of Walton's only full-length opera by Opera North at the Royal Opera House. Sung in English. With Judith Howarth, soprano, and Arthur Davies, tenor, as the lovers. English Northern Philharmonia under Richard Hickox. Act 1; **8.15** Edith Sitwell: Behind the Façade; **8.30** Act 2; **9.15** Interval: Humphrey Burton looks at the genesis of *Troilus and Cressida*. **9.35** Act 3
**10.20 Novelties:** The microscope
**10.30 Chopin Dances:** A selection of Chopin's piano music played by Nelly Ben-Or
**10.45 Night Waves in Greenwich:** Christopher Cook explores the night sky
**11.30-12.30am Voices:** Arleen Auger in Concert. A recital by the soprano, who died in 1993, recorded six years ago at Pebble Mill
**1.00-2.20 Night School:** Let's Make a Story **1.30** Music Box **2.00** Ghostwriter

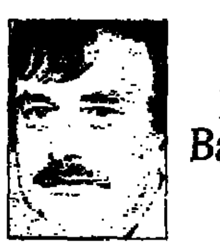
## RADIO 4

**5.55am** Shipping Forecast **6.00** News Briefing, Weather **6.10** Farming Today **6.25** Prayer for the Day, with Paul Starling **6.30 Today**, incl **6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30** News **6.55** Weather **7.25, 8.25** Sport **7.45** Thought for the Day **7.55** Weather **8.40** Yesterday in Parliament **8.58** Weather
**9.00 News 9.05 Face the Facts,** with John Waite (r)
**9.30 Never the Same Again:** Jenni Mills talks to families about how they have weathered periods of crisis. During the miners' strike, one traumatic day cast a lasting shadow over Ernie's career as a policeman
**10.00-10.30 News; In the Red (FM** only): The fifth instalment of a blackly humorous murder mystery from the novel by Mark Tavener
**10.00 Daily Service (LW** only)
**10.15 The Pilgrim's Progress (LW** only) (19/25) (r)
**10.30 Woman's Hour:** Nancy Durham explores the blossoming women's movement in Albania
**11.30 From Our Own Correspondent**
**12.00 News; You and Yours**
**12.25pm Looking Forward to the Past:** Paul Boateng, MP, is joined by Professor John Durant, Nina Myskow, Arthur Smith and Norman Willis
**12.55** Weather
**1.00 The World at One**
**1.40 The Archers** (r) **1.55** Shipping Forecast
**2.00 News; Thank You for Talking to Me, Africa,** by Othniel Smith. A chance meeting takes Barry to Africa in search of family history
**3.00 The Afternoon Shift**
**4.00 News 4.05 Kaleidoscope:** Paul Allen sees a stage adaptation of Paul Theroux's book, *Mosquito Coast*
**4.45 Short Story: Silver,** by George Mackay Brown. Read by Forbes Masson (r)
**5.00 PM 5.50** Shipping Forecast **5.55** Weather
**6.00 News 6.30 The Skivers:** Innovative sketch series
**7.00 News 7.05 The Archers**
**7.20 Priest and Prejudice** A look at what the first year has been like for women ordained into the priesthood
**8.00 Analysis: Financing Our Futures.** The selling of unsuitable personal pensions has left thousands worse off, and the financial services industry facing a huge compensation bill. Peter Wilson-Smith asks who is to blame
**8.45 Bloopers:** Jonathan Hewat, a university lecturer in radio, presents the fifth programme of classic radio catastrophes from the live airways
**9.00 Does He Take Sugar?**
**9.30 Kaleidoscope** (r) **9.59** Weather
**10.00 The World Tonight**
**10.45 Book at Bedtime: The Initials in the Heart** (r)
**11.00 Ten Pounds and a Box of Kippers:** See Choice
**11.30-12.00 Ad Lib (FM** only): Robert Robinson quizzes those who have taken on village shops and post offices in the West Country (r)
**11.30-12.00 Today in Parliament (LW** only)
**12.00-12.43am News,** incl **12.27** Weather **12.33** Shipping **12.43** As World Service **(LW)**

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# Critical condition, not necessarily serious

REVIEW



Peter Barnard

Dear Mrs Bottomley, I often picture you *sitting* at home of a Saturday night eating fish and *chips* off your elegant lap, leafing through the contents of yet another Red Box and lifting an eye occasionally to see what left-wing *propaganda Casualty* is putting over this week.

Dreadful, aren't they, especially since That Woman who used to produce *EastEnders* was brought in to give the series a bit of speed. I agree, it *has* gone downhill, but of course Charlie still witters about nursing shortages and *the junior* doctors still fall asleep in the middle of an appendectomy, having had only four hours' sleep since the middle of 1987.

I can hear you now, shouting at the screen: "More patients treated! More hips! More knees!" You must often want to flee the whole ungrateful lot of us and spend some time in the company of can-do doctors and nurses, upbeat guys and gals, the kind of person one might come across in America.

So it must be galling, every time you book a flight to New York, to discover via the *Nine O'Clock News* that another tall, elegant, fair-haired Englishwoman is striding around a Harlem hospital, offering comfort to the ailing. To think that the Princess of Wales probably knows more about the American medical system than the Secretary of State for Health.

Do not despair. Try Chicago. Admittedly, you won't get to eat *with Calvin Klein in Chicago.* Granted, Chicago and the South *Pole are* meteorologically indivisible at this time of the year. But heck (*see how we are already into* the American argot?) you do not have to go to Chicago, *for Chicago* has come to you. The entire American hospital system, laid out in all its frantic glory, right here on television.

It started last night with a 90-minute pilot episode, it continues next week in hourly segments, and it is called ER (Channel 4). You will know nearly as well as the Princess of Wales that ER stands for emergency room, so *ER* is the *Casualty* of America.

But *ER* is not just *Casualty* with speed (although it is that, too), *ER* is *Casualty on* speed. *ER* is, if I may tinker with your own fine rhetoric . . . more hip! More knee-slapping!

From the point of view of the ordinary viewer, *the* best thing about *ER* is that it has proper *dialogue*, the sort of exchanges one might remember for more than ten seconds. Whereas of course *Casualty* is famous for *having dialogue that sounds like* real life, ie, boring.

For the extraordinary viewer, and who is more extraordinary than yourself, Mrs Bottomley, I think the main interest, the principal area of comfort, probably lies in the fact that whingeing doctors *and nurses are not a phenomenon* unique to the National Health Service (as it was called at the time of going to press).

*No. within five minutes of ER* starting, a junior doctor, what the *Americans call a resident*, responded to a suggestion that he make his own coffee by pointing out that he worked "18 hours on, eight hours off, 92 hours a week, 52 weeks a year".

Now that you have reduced the working hours of our own junior doctors to 72 a week, I should have thought that the next time they sleepwalk to your door protesting about overwork you could send them packing thus: "More hips! More knees! Try Chicago if you don't like it here!"

In Chicago, the miserable agitators of *Casualty* would discover the sort of dialogue you would not want to hold near a naked flame, so much does it crackle and hum. The chief crackler is Dr Peter *Benton (Eriq Lasalle)*, who is soon humming over a younger doctor sent to stitch a hand wound: "You still here? Whaddya think you're *doing, the Sistine Chapel?"* Benton is a man after your own statistics, *Mrs B, a man as dedicated to* patient throughput as your own good self.

He even professes to believe that the patients are more important than the doctors. Not all the doctors are fans of Benton, however, as when a radiologist describes him as "a man of many talents, all unproven".

The key thing about *ER*, Mrs B, is that the doctors, the patients, the nurses, the administrators . . . never get outside the hospital. Now of course in *Casualty* everything starts outside the hospital, so that en route to rubbishing your own fine department we have the little girl falling off the swing *because it wasn't maintained properly* or the builder falling off his scaffolding *because the regulations aren't strict enough.*

By the time *Casualty* reaches the hospital just about every office of *state short of the Keeper of the* Queen's Bees has been dragged through the mud. But in *ER*, you get the impression that they have to pump in daylight. None of the cast possesses street clothes. This serves to exclude politics, and cut the budget.

At the same time, via Michael Crichton's wonderful script (he originally wrote it 20 years ago) and filming techniques which nod heavily at *NYPD Blue*, the piece has a claustrophobic intensity which befits its status as a Steven Spielberg production.

With another drama of this quality crossing the Atlantic, one wonders how American television manages to be "full of rubbish", as the saying goes. Surely it cannot be that the only good shows over there are all on television over here?

Possibly, Mrs B, but I am more inclined to think that such disparagement is in the same category as Mark Twain's aphorism about lies and statistics, an area perhaps best left unexplored in this particular context. Yours ever.

## BBC1

**6.00 Business Breakfast** (30314)
**7.00 BBC Breakfast News** (62012956)
**9.05 Kilroy**. Robert Kilroy-Silk chairs a studio discussion on a topical subject (9530647)
**10.00 News** (Ceefax), regional news and weather (7533956) **10.05 Good Morning with Anne and Nick** (s) (88175192)
**12.00 News** (Ceefax), regional news and weather (1418482) **12.05 Pebble Mill**. A special dedicated to Eric Sykes's 40 *years in showbusiness (s)* (2644024) **12.55 Regional News** and weather (75726314)
**1.00 One O'Clock News** (Ceefax) and weather (95956)
**1.30 Neighbours**. (Ceefax) (s) (82544463) **1.50 Timekeepers**. Quiz with by Bill Dod (s) (82555579)
**2.15 FILM: Hot Enough for June** (1965) starring Dirk Bogarde, Sylvia Koscina, Robert Morley and Leo McKern. A James Bond spoof with Bogarde as an out-of-work writer who is recruited by the secret service for a mission to Czechoslovakia. Directed by Ralph Thomas (833314)
**3.50 Jackanory**. Part two of *Tommy Niner and the Mystery Spaceship* (s) (3217208) **4.00 SuperTed** (r) (4856579) **4.10 Robinson Sucroe**. (Ceefax) (7086163) **4.35 Sloggers**. Comedy drama about a young cricket XI. (Ceefax) (s) (5037821)
**5.00 Newsround** (7781376) **5.10 Blue Peter**. Includes details of the new *Star Trek* film. (Ceefax) (s) (9124956)
**5.35 Neighbours** (r). (Ceefax) (s) (802550)
**6.00 Six O'Clock News** (Ceefax) and weather (37)
**6.30 Regional news magazines** (89)
**7.00 Top of the Pops**. (Ceefax) (s) (4258)
**7.30 EastEnders**. (Ceefax) (s) (73)
**8.00 Animal Hospital Week**. Rolf Harris and Steve Knight visit the RSPCA Harmsworth Hospital in Holloway, north London. (Ceefax) (s) (6918)
**8.30 Down to Earth**. Comedy series starring Richard Briers as an expat trying to readjust to life in Blighty. *(Ceefax) (s) (8753)*
**9.00 Nine O'Clock News** (Ceefax), regional news and *weather (9463)*



Rowan Atkinson as Sir Henry Birkin (9.30pm)

**9.30** CHOICE **Heroes and Villains: Full Throttle**. (Ceefax) (s) (80753)
**10.30 Question Time** from London presented by David Dimbleby. (Ceefax) (75647). **Wales:** The State *11.00 Question Time* 12.00 Cagney and Lacey 12.45am Spirit of Islam 1.05-2.35 Film: Roadhouse 66
**11.30 Cagney and Lacey**. American policewomen drama series starring Sharon Gless and Tyne Daly (r). (Ceefax) (204869)
**12.15am Spirit of Islam**. The first of four weekly programmes for Ramadan. (Ceefax) (s) (7029999)
**12.35 FILM: Roadhouse 66** (1984) starring Willem Dafoe *and Judge Reinhold.* Action thriller about a disparate couple who team up to take on a group of louts who get their thrills terrorising people driving along Arizona's Route 66. Directed by John Mark Robinson (9405703) **2.05 Weather** (5388241)

## BBC2

**7.00 Noddy** (r) (s) (2873227) **7.10 The Legend of Prince Valiant** (r) (Ceefax) (s) (3817956) **7.35 The Really Wild Show** (r) (Ceefax) (2277444)
**8.00 Breakfast News**. (Ceefax and signing) (7932208) **8.15 The Record** (7443753) **8.35 The Weasel's Winter** A wildlife documentary (8220802)
**9.00 Daytime on Two** Educational programmes Plus, for children, **10.00-10.25** Playdays (2572753) **1.45** Storytime (71358821) **2.00** Stoppit and Tidyup (41097208) **2.05** Puppydog Tales (41096579)
**2.10 Next with Marti Caine.** Series highlighting the enterprising elderly (59010260)
**2.30 Flamingowatch**. The first of today's two live reports from the soda lakes of the Rift Valley (9483918)
**2.45 Milestones in Science and Engineering**. The automobile (9471173)
**3.00 News** (Ceefax) and weather followed by **Westminster with Nick Ross** (6572531)
**3.50 News** (Ceefax) and weather (3208550)
**4.00 Today's the Day**. Recent history quiz (s) (42)
**4.30 The Victorian Kitchen** (r). (Ceefax) (14)
**5.00 Children's Hospital** (r). (Ceefax) (8376)
**5.30 Catchword** with Paul Coia (s) (66)
**6.00 Quantum Leap**. Off-beat American science-fiction drama (r). (Ceefax) (s) (704376)
**6.45 Flamingowatch**. The second of the day's two reports from the Rift Valley (s) (316579)
**7.00 Waiting for God** (r). (Ceefax) (s) (1840)
**7.30 First Sight: Ram Raiders.** A look at the increase in computer crime. **Wales:** Dad's Army; **East:** Matter of Fact; **Midlands:** Midlands Report; **South:** Southern Eye; **South-west:** Close Up; **West:** Close Up West (43)



History of London's Tube system (8.00pm)

**8.00** CHOICE **Metropolis: Going Underground**. (Ceefax) (s) (7260)
**8.30 Jeremy Clarkson's Motorworld**. Motoring in Italy (s) (6395)
**9.00 The X Files**. Two FBI agents investigate cases involving the paranormal. (Ceefax) (s) (162598)
**9.45 European Figure Skating Championships**. The men's free programme (s) (682918)
**10.30 Newsnight** *(Ceefax) (988024)*
**11.15 Late Review** presented by Mark Lawson (833260)
**11.55 Weather** (479314)
**12.00 Open View**. Highlights of next week's Open *University programmes* (2614241)
**12.05am News** followed by **The Midnight Hour** with Andrew Neil (7272999). Ends at **1.00**
**5.30-6.00 RCN Nursing Update** (r) (75357)

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## CHOICE

**Heroes and Villains**
*BBC1, 9.30pm*

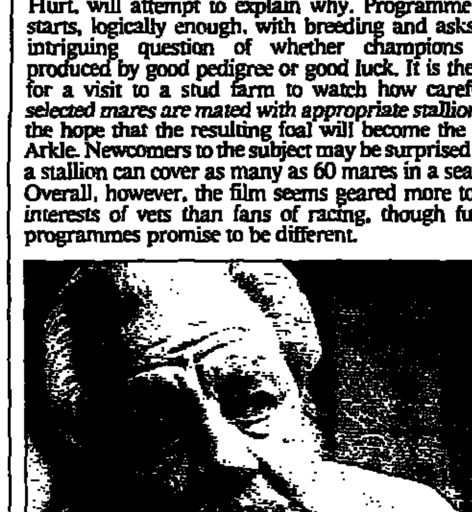
We are two weeks into this series of dramatised true stories and the score is heroes two, villains nil. Sir Henry Birkin, known as Tim, was certainly a hero, a character straight out of the pages of boys' fiction. Rich, dashing, fearless, patriotic, he was a pilot in the *First World War and a motor racing driver after it.* Both activities supplied the exhilaration of dicing with death. Birkin could not bear the thought of expiring behind a desk. His wish was fulfilled, though in an unexpected way. Rowan Atkinson, no mean car *enthusiast himself, plays Birkin as if born to the part* and what remains of the famous Brooklands circuit is used to recreate 1920s triumphs. If Kit Hesketh-Harvey's script tends to tip over into cliché, the same could be said of Birkin's life.

**Metropolis**
*BBC2, 8.00pm*

A stylish essay on the emergence of the underground *railway in 19th-century London combines the technical* story with the social one and throws in a symbolic dimension as well. The Underground was conceived as a response to overcrowding above ground and as a quick and cheap means of getting poor people out of the slums and into the countryside. But in many minds, not just clergymen's, underground was *equated with underworld, a dark, forbidding place on* the way to Hell. The first Tube passengers probably agreed, for initially the trains had no windows. It was left to Frank Pick, who revolutionised London Transport design in the 1930s, finally to transform the underworld into a brilliantly-lit cocoon of dreams.

**From the Horse's Mouth**
*Channel 4, 3.55pm*

*Horse racing has a special place in the social fabric of* Ireland and this five-part series, narrated by John Hurt, will attempt to explain why. Programme one starts, logically enough, with breeding and asks the intriguing question of whether champions are produced by good pedigree or good luck. It is the cue for a visit to a stud farm to watch how carefully-*selected mares are mated with appropriate stallions in* the hope that the resulting foal will become the next Arkle. Newcomers to the subject may be surprised that a stallion can cover as many as 60 mares in a season. Overall, however, the film seems geared more to the *interests of vets than fans of racing,* though future programmes promise to be different.



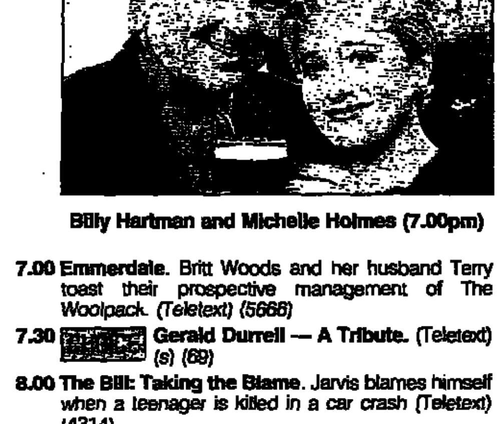
The naturalist and writer, Gerald Durrell (ITV, 7.30pm)

**Gerald Durrell — A Tribute**
*ITV, 7.30pm*

The death this week of the writer and naturalist is *marked by the showing of a documentary* which won a silver medal at the New York International Film and Television Festival. Made to celebrate Durrell's achievement as a conservationist, the programme is now screened as an epitaph. Among those who recorded their tributes were *the Princess Royal and Sir* David Attenborough. The film stresses that Durrell's was one of the first authoritative voices to warn of what human beings were doing to their environment and to wild animals. Through his skill as a communicator, in books and television programmes, he spread the message to a wide audience. **Peter Waymark**

## CARLTON

**6.00 GMTV** *(1067937)*
**9.25 Chain Letters** With Ted Robbins (4327918)
**9.55 London Today** *(Teletext)* and weather (2559502)
**10.00 The Time... the Place** (s) (4633869)
**10.35 This Morning** *(90727579)* ***12.20pm London* Today** (Teletext) and weather (1414666)
**12.30 ITN Lunchtime News** (Teletext) and weather (4333173)
**12.55 Emmerdale** (r) (Teletext) (4341192)
**1.25 Home and Away** (Teletext) (61907918)
**1.55 Vanessa** Vanessa Feltz tackles another issue close to women's hearts (Teletext) (s) (26171127)
**2.25 A Country Practice** (s) (61318937)
**2.50 Gardeners' Diary** (9135598)
**3.20 ITN News headlines** (Teletext) (7867492) **3.25 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (7886753)
**3.30 The Riddlers** (9982666) **3.40 Wizadora** (r) (s) (3206192) **3.50 Rupert** (r) (7939260) **4.15 Mike and Angelo** (s) (5578772) **4.40 Fun House** *(Teletext) (s) (6667622)*
**5.10 After 5** (Teletext) (4216424). Followed by **The Missing File**
**5.40 News** (Teletext) and weather (143444)
***5.55 Your Shout*** *Viewers air their opinions (925050)*
**6.00 Home and Away** (r) (Teletext) (55)
**6.30 London Tonight** (Teletext) and weather (85)

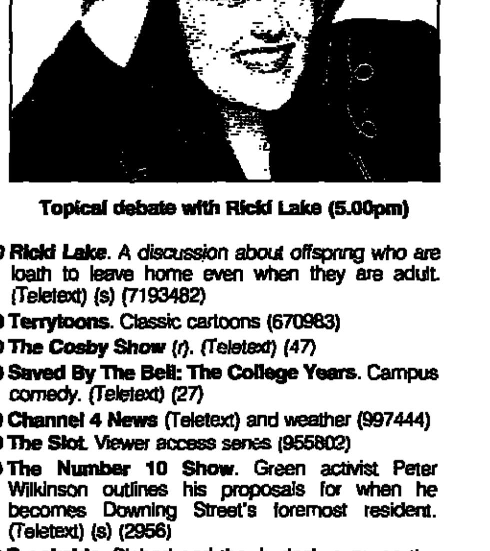


Billy Hartman and Michelle Holmes (7.00pm)

**7.00 Emmerdale**. Britt Woods and her husband Terry toast their prospective management of The Woolpack. *(Teletext) (5666)*
**7.30** CHOICE **Gerald Durrell — A Tribute.** (Teletext) *(s) (69)*
**8.00 The Bill: Taking the Blame**. Jarvis blames himself when a teenager is killed in a car crash (Teletext) (4314)
**8.30 Outside Edge**. Comedy series (Teletext) (s) (3821)
**9.00 99-1: A Game of Two Halves.** Undercover cop Mick Raynor lives a nightmare when the girl he is having an affair with is targeted by a killing agency (Teletext) (s) (3395)
**10.00 News at Ten** (Teletext) and Weather (17289)
**10.30 London Tonight** (Teletext) and weather (412181)
**10.40 Revelations** (s) (450840)
**11.10 Big City**. Paul Ross and Carolyn Marshall present a guide to what is going on in London (s) (444208)
**11.40 The Powers That Be** (544024)
**12.15am The Little Picture Show.** Mariella Frostrup talks to Australian director John Duigan (r) (949593)
**1.15 The Beat** (r) (s) (8342390)
**2.10 The Album Show** (r) (s) (6163883)
**3.05 America's Top Ten.** Richard Blade looks at the ten top-selling pop singles (r) (s) (89188406)
**3.30 Sport AM.** Late-night international sports programme with Bob Symmonds (r) (57154)
***4.30 Videofashion.*** *Includes a visit to the Milan Trade* Fair for Global Fashion (r) (30319)
**5.00 Vanessa** *(r) (Teletext) (s) (56767)*
**5.30 ITN Morning News** (62883)

## CHANNEL 4

***6.35 Once Upon A Time* — Life** *(r)* (8478376)
**7.00 The Big Breakfast** (85579)
**9.00 You Bet Your Life** (r) (s) (27666)
**9.30 Schools:** Middle English (5727802) **9.45** The New *Living Body* (9551111) **10.05** Scientific Eye (2566192) **10.27** Geographical Eye (6319802) **10.50** Your World (6704005) **11.00** History in Action (3718598) **11.20** Ri Ra (2392531) **11.40** The German Programme (3696208)
**12.00 House To House** *Political magazine* (31442)
**12.30 Sesame Street**. Pre-school learning series. The *guest is the actress Marisa Tomei (90753)*
**1.30 The Wonderful Wizard of Oz**. Animated *adventures (r) (s)* (47321460)
**1.55 Ski Mission**. Dialogue-free Canadian short about freestyle skiing. Followed by **The Linesman.** In praise of the football linesman (82556208)
**2.15 FILM: Claudia** (1943, b/w) starring Dorothy McGuire and Robert Young. A romantic comedy/drama *about a young bride who is helped to grow up by her tolerant husband. Directed by* Edmund Goulding. (Teletext) (823802)
**3.55** CHOICE ***From The Horse's Mouth: Bloodline*** (s) (8581666)
**4.30 Countdown**. *(Teletext) (s) (82)*



Topical debate with Ricki Lake (5.00pm)

***5.00* Ricki Lake**. *A discussion about offspring who are* loath to leave home even when they are adult. *(Teletext)* (s) (7193482)
**5.50 Terrytoons**. Classic cartoons (670983)
***6.00* The Cosby Show** *(r). (Teletext) (47)*
**6.30 Saved By The Bell: The College Years**. Campus *comedy. (Teletext) (27)*
**7.00 Channel 4 News** (Teletext) and weather (997444)
**7.50 The Slot**. Viewer access series (955802)
**8.00 The Number 10 Show**. Green activist Peter Wilkinson outlines his proposals for when he becomes Downing Street's foremost resident. (Teletext) (s) (2956)
**8.30 Brookside**. Sinbad and the Jordaches go on the run again. (Teletext) (s) (1463)
**9.00 The Rector's Wife**. Episode three of the four-part adaptation of Joanna Trollope's novel, starring *Lindsay Duncan and Jonathan Coy (r). (Teletext) (s)* (1937)
**10.00 FILM: Rosalie Goes Shopping** (1989) starring Marianne Sägebrecht and Brad Davis. Frantic comedy about fraud and forgery in small-town *Arkansas. With Judge Reinhold. Directed by Percy* Adlon. (Teletext) (s) (378734)
***11.45* Bull Pen**. *Baseball comedy (s) (513043)*
**12.15am The Other Shore**. Director Mikael Wiström's *personal odyssey about his return to Peru after an* absence of 17 years, in search of his grown-up god-daughter (2544406)
**1.25 Key West**. Off-beat American comedy series (s) (8364512)
**2.20 FILM: The Last Gentleman** (1934, b/w) starring George Arliss. Black comedy about the greedy *family of an eccentric millionaire. Directed by Sidney* Lanfield (8703999). Ends at **3.40**

## VARIATIONS

**ANGLIA**
As London except: **1.55** The Young Doctors *(82549918)* **2.50-3.20** Take the High Road (9135598) **5.10-5.40** Shortland Street (4216424) **6.25-7.00** Anglia News (397666) *10.40 Cover Story (91819043)* **11.10** Side Effects (503482) **12.05am** Married with Children (1215425) **12.30** *Lifeforce (369715)* **2.20** *Nite Bites (2899135)* **2.40** The Beat (2794845) **3.35** Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (43560999) **4.00** *Quiz Night (83817135)* **4.25-5.00** *Videofashion* (1927319)

**CENTRAL**
As London except: **1.55** A Country Practice (82549918) **2.50-3.20** Take the High Road (9135598) **5.10-5.40** Shortland Street (4216424) **6.25-7.00** Central News and Weather (354579) **11.10-12.15pm** Side Effects (307918) **4.25am** Jobfinder (7614135) **5.20-5.30** Asian Eye (9297593)

**GRANADA**
As London except: **12.55** Shortland Street (4341192) *1.25 Home and Away* (30910376) **1.55** Vanessa (25721686) **2.20** The Main Ingredient (61300918) **2.50-3.20** Emmerdale (9135598) *5.10-5.40* A Country Practice (4216424) **6.25** Granada Tonight (397666) **7.00-7.30** Emmerdale (5666) **10.40** Revelations (450840) **11.10** Prisoner Cell Block H (503482) **12.05am** Curtis Calls (2691390) **12.15** *The Little Picture Show* (949593) **1.15** The Beat (8342390) **2.10** The Album Show (6163883) **3.05** America's Top Ten (89188406) **3.30** *Sport AM (5273115)* **4.25** Jobfinder (1927319) **5.00-5.30** Vanessa (56767)

**HTV WEST**
As London except: **2.25** Gardening Time (61309289) **2.55-3.20** Shortland Street (7316531) **5.10-5.40** A Country Practice (4216424) **6.30-7.00** HTV News (85) **10.40** Getaways (450840) **11.10** The West This Week (444208) **11.40-12.15am** Good Health! (544024) **4.25am-5.00** Jobfinder (1927319)

**HTV WALES**
As HTV WEST except: **6.30-7.00** Wales *Tonight (85)* **7.30-8.00** Wales This Week (89) **10.30** HTV Wales News and Weather (412181) **10.40** The Once and Future Valleys (450840) **11.10** *Dazed* (444208) **11.40-12.15pm** Survival (544024)

**MERIDIAN**
As London except: **9.55am-10.00** Meridian News *and Weather* (2559802) **12.20pm-12.30** Meridian News and Weather (1414666) **1.55** A Country Practice (82549918) **2.50-3.20** *Shortland Street* (9135598) **3.25-3.30** Meridian News and Weather (7886753) **5.10** Home and Away (4216424) **5.37-5.40** Three Minutes - Crimestoppers (525294) **6.00** Meridian Tonight (55) **6.30-7.00** Getaways (85) **10.30** Meridian News and Weather (412181) **10.40** In the Line of Duty: The Twilight Murders (91819043) **12.30am** Lifeforce (369715) **2.20** Nite Bites (4847097) **2.30** The Beat (9757796) **3.25** Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (89191970) **3.50** Quiz Night (71637113) **4.15-5.00** Videofashion (7353661)

**WESTCOUNTRY**
As London except: **9.55-10.00** Westcountry News (2559802) **12.20pm** Westcountry News (1423314) **12.25-12.30** My Story (1422685) **2.25** Wish You Were *Here...?* (81309289) **3.25-3.30** Westcountry News, Weather (7886753) **5.10-5.40** Home and Away (4216424) **6.00-7.00** Westcountry *Live* (64685) **10.30** Westcountry News, Weather (412181) **10.40** The West at Work (450840) **11.10-12.15pm** Prisoner Cell Block H (307918) *4.25am-5.00 Jobfinder* (1927319)

**YORKSHIRE**
As London except: **9.55-10.00** Calendar News and Weather (2559802) **12.20pm-12.30** Yorkshire, Calendar News and Weather / Belmont, Network North (1414666) *1.55 A Country Practice* (82549918) **2.50-3.20** Shortland Street (9135598) **3.25-3.30** Yorkshire: Calendar News / Belmont: Network North (7886753) *5.10-5.40 Home and Away* (4216424) **5.55** Calendar / Network North (332173) **6.30-7.00** Crosswits (85) **10.30** Calendar News and Weather *(412181)* **10.40** Edit V (971734) **11.25** Prisoner Cell *Block H* (508937) **12.20am** The Chase (203280) **2.00** America's Top Ten (15135) **2.30** Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (27970) **3.00** Double *Bunk* (27154) *4.30-5.30 Jobfinder* (69777)

**S4C**
**Starts: 7.00** The Big Breakfast (85579) **9.00** You Bet Your Life (27666) **9.30** Ysgolion (715192) **12.00pm** House To House (31442) **12.30** Slot Meithrin (54208) **1.00** Take Five *(88666)* **1.30** Journeyman (53579) **2.00** Keepers Of The Kingdoms: The Richest Sea in the World (31260) **3.00** Classic Trucks (1227) **3.30** *Ricki Lake (9808734)* **4.20** Tales Of A Wise King (4852753) **4.30** The Cosby Show (82) **5.00** 5 Pump (5505208) **5.15** Chwedlau Rhys A Meinir (7786821) **5.30** Countdown (34) **6.00** Newyddion (724314) *6.15* Heno (791937) **7.00** Pobol Y Cwm (3208) **7.30** Performiad: Stryn Parn Y Gerddorfa (19802) **8.30** Newyddion (1463) **9.00** *Arts: Ingrid* (1937) **10.00** Brookside (81901) **10.30** Rising Damp (24579) **11.00** Avalon (51152666)

## SATELLITE

**SKY ONE**
**6.00am** DJ Kat (35531) **8.00** Power Rangers (2566463) **8.45** The Oprah Winfrey Show (9677289) *8.30 Card Sharks (77258)* **10.00** Concentration (92395) **10.30** Candid Camera (74598) **11.00** Sally Jessy Raphael (39314) **12.00** The Urban Peasant (56550) **12.30pm** E Street (77294) **1.00** St Elsewhere (27799) **2.00** Shaka Zulu (93024) **3.00** The *Oprah Winfrey Show* (1373840) *3.50 DJ Kat* (4982395) **4.30** Power Rangers (4802) **5.00** Star Trek: The Next Generation (8395) **6.00** Gamesworld (5395) **6.30** Blockbusters (6847) **7.00** E Street (9034) **7.30** M*A*S*H (5531) **8.00** Manhunter (32024) **9.00** Under Suspicion (12260) **10.00** *Star Trek: The Next Generation* (22647) **11.00** Late Show with David Letterman (128840) **11.45** Littlejohn (821550) **12.30am** Chances (28135) **1.30** Night Court (94680) **2.00-6.00** Hitmix Long Play (5880715)

**SKY NEWS**
News on the hour
**6.00am** Sunrise (9394173) **9.30** Sky News Extra (52666) **10.30** ABC Nightline (65840) **11.00** News and Business (241192) **1.30pm** CBS News (17005) **2.30** Parliament Live (77869) **4.00** World News and Business (81802) **5.00** Live at Five (2582395) **6.05** Richard Littlejohn (70551937) **8.00** World *News and Business* (69840) **9.30** Coverage of the O.J. Simpson Trial (965024) **12.30am** ABC News (30970) **2.30** Parliament Replay (20666) *4.30 CBS News (36609) 5.30-6.00* ABC News (41393)

**SKY MOVIES**
**6.00am Showcase** (5991640) **10.00 The Brain** (1969) (78802) ***12.00 How to Murder Your Wife*** (1964) (30717) **2.00pm Grayeagle** (1978) (46227) **4.00 Mountain Family Robinson** (1979) (41448314) ***5.55*** **Revenge of the Nerds 3** (1992) (16539482) **7.30 E! News Week in Review** (3717) **8.00 Benny and Joon** (1993) (28107591) **9.45 The Bodyguard** (1992) (36023840) **11.55** ***Night of the Living Dead*** *(1990)* (227208) **1.25am Dream a Little Dream** (1989) (430683) **3.15-4.40 The Favour, The Watch and the Very Big Fish** (1991) (48159845)

**SKY MOVIES GOLD**
**6.00pm September Affair** (1950) (22685) **8.00 Meatballs** (1979) (94802) **10.00-12.00 Missing** (1982) (87024)

**THE MOVIE CHANNEL**
**6.00am The Great Missouri Raid** (1950) (68869) **8.00 The Snow Queen** (1993) (82918) **10.00 Saraband for Dead Lovers** (1948) (76444) **12.00 Colt 45** (1950) *(7042918)* ***1.15pm Rob Roy*** *Cartoon* (8182918) **2.10 Abbott and Costello Meet Captain Kidd** (1952) (8940005) **3.25** ***Rogues of Sherwood Forest*** (1950) (3611111) **4.45 The Snow Queen** (1993) As 8am (98623260) **6.20 Wind Dancer** (1993) (43930918) ***8.00 Fire in the Sky*** (1993) (29550) **10.00 Double Impact** (1991) (914550) **11.50 Joy** (1984) (576734) **1.30am** ***Noce Blanche*** (1989) (406086) **3.05 Paydirt** (1991) (8998067) **4.35-6.00 Rogues of Sherwood Forest** (1950) As *3.25pm (8633154)*

● **For more film information, see the Vision supplement, published Saturday**

**SKY SPORTS**
**7.00am** Soccer News (7364519) **7.15** WWF Challenge (538753) **8.15** Soccer News (2973444) **8.30** National Trails (74937) **9.00** *Skiing (65289)* ***8.30*** *Aerobics (58127)* ***10.00*** The Rugby Club (60208) **11.00** Get Your Handicap Down (45024) **11.30** Fish Tales (2698043) 11.45 Sports Classics (2693598) **12.00** Aerobics Oz Style (78753) **12.30pm** The Big League (92173) **2.30** One to One (8666) **3.00** Snowboard Tour (3901) **3.30** American Sports (87376) **4.30** Rugby Union (8602) **5.00** WWF Action (4111) **6.00** Soccer News (871821) **6.15** Cricket Preview (865734) **7.00** NBA Basketball (65753) **9.00** *US PGA Golf, Live (64647)* ***11.00*** *Soccer* News (212821) **11.15** Transworld Sport (629463) **12.15am** Cricket Preview (4257390) **1.00** Fish Tales (3896970) **1.15** Soccer News (5514593) **1.30** Rugby Union (30406) **2.00** Cricket, Live (599390) **4.30** Fish Tales (83961715) **4.45** Soccer News (20653796) **5.00-7.00** Cricket, Live (53970)

**EUROSPORT**
**7.30am** Equestrianism (35376) **8.30** Figure Skating (98173) **10.30** Football (83376) **12.00** Tennis (63821) **12.30pm** Snowboarding (32821) **1.00** Live Figure Skating (7636821) **4.30** Figure Skating (60314) **5.30** Live Figure Skating (2923463) **6.45** News (416666) **7.15** Live Figure Skating (34062043) **9.00** Wrestling (69192) **10.00** Motors Magazine (79579) **11.00** Golf (56005) **12.00-12.30am** News (43796)

**SKY SOAP**
**8.00am** Loving (6623821) **8.30** Peyton Place (6622192) **9.00** As the World Turns (9764640) **10.00** Guiding Light (63450241) **11.00-12.00** Another World (6325260)

**SKY TRAVEL**
**12.00** Getaway (6633208) **12.30pm** Zoo Life (1671192) **1.00** Cruising the Globe (6336376) **1.30** Food of China (1670463) **2.00** California's Gold (6993937) **2.30** Washington (7724173) **3.00** America's Great Outdoors (1589666) **4.00** Travel Guide (7748753) **4.30** Zoo Life (7744937) **5.00** Ski Perfect (8984289) **5.30** Food of China (7735289) **6.00** Getaway (7725802) **6.30** Virgin Islands (7749482) **7.00** American Vacation (8079753) **8.00** Around the World (8973173) **8.30** Sky Travel Guide (8992208) **9.00** Getaway (1597685) **9.30** Round Trip (1691956) **10.00** Ski Perfect (6634937) **10.30** American Vacation (5624482) **11.30-12.00** California's Gold (2056260)



Jack Lemmon searches for his son (Sky Movies Gold, 10.00pm)

**TLC**
**9.00am** Flower Power (2571192) **9.30** The Absolute Beginner's Guide to Cookery (1521550) **10.00** Avoidable Tragedy (4419208) **10.30** Only Human (6549666) **11.30** Real Life (4315005) **12.00** Private Lives (2591956) **12.30pm** Youth and Grief (1532666) **1.00** Beginner's Guide to Cookery (9322442) **1.30** Flower Power (1531937) **2.00** Power of Healing (4410937) **3.00** The *Secret Gardens* (4298024) **3.30-4.00** Driving with Mike Smith (2277173)

**UK GOLD**
**7.00am** Give Us a Clue (2677519) **7.30** Neighbours (3122604) **8.00** Sons and Daughters (2590227) **8.30** EastEnders (2599598) **9.00** The Bill (2573550) **9.30** Colditz (4036395) **10.30** The Lotus Eaters (6541024) **11.30** No Place Like Home (4317463) **12.00** Sons and Daughters (2593314) **12.30pm** Neighbours (1534024) **1.00** EastEnders (7522460) **1.30** The Bill (1533395) **2.00** Father, Dear Father (4288647) **2.30** I Didn't Know You Cared (2207314) **3.00** Knots Landing (4328579) **4.00** Dallas (4330314) **5.00** Every Second Counts (4302463) **5.40** Captain Pugwash (9478598) **5.50** Hi-De-Hi (9761956) **6.30** EastEnders (2299395) **7.00** The Two Ronnies (9646918) **8.00** I Didn't Know You Cared (4291111) **8.30** Some Mothers Do 'Ave 'Em (4287918) **9.00** Minder (9635902) **10.00** The Bill (2594043) **10.30** Top of the Pops (5116550) **11.20** Rory Bremner (3056918) **12.00** Dr Who (5550777) **12.30am** FILM Robbery Under Arms (1958) *(3850785) 2.20 Shopping*

**THE CHILDREN'S CHANNEL**
**6.00am** Sesame Street (1870260) **6.55** Garfield (9354937) **7.25** Eek the Cat (8454024) **7.55** Pugwall's Summer (3072289) **8.25** Super Mario (1544937) **8.45** Casper (9250869) **9.00** Sesame Street *(84685) 10.00 It's Droibse Time* (26685) **11.00** Teddy Trucks (47591) **12.00** Garfield (76555) **12.30pm** Eek the Cat (30005) **1.00** Beverley Hills Teens *(17937)* ***1.30*** *Super* Mario (29586983) **1.45** Baby Follies (90231276) **2.00** Barney (5482) **2.30** Babar (2024) **3.00** Casper (5066840) **3.15** Where's Wally (976598) **3.45** Sonic (975869) **4.15** Head to Head (1450685) **4.30-5.00** California Dreams (2260)

**NICKELODEON**
**7.00am** Nickalive! (3689901) **7.15** Pee-Wee (536555) **7.45** Rugrats (986096) **8.15** Doug (162208) **8.45** Nickalive! (9211869) **9.00** Nick Junior (867314) **12.00** Pee-Wee *(76395)* ***12.30pm*** *Muppet Show (58145)* **1.00** Galaxy High (42802) **1.30** Banana Sandwich (68005) **2.00** Denver (9666) **2.30** Smoggies (6208) ***3.00*** *Nick Faves (8173)* **3.30** Teenage Hero Mutant Turtles (1753) **4.00** Doug (2460) **4.30** Rugrats (6444) **5.00** Clarissa (8078) **5.30** NickAlive! (2604) **6.00** Grimmy (7937) **6.30-7.00** Are You Afraid of the Dark? (8289)

**DISCOVERY**
**4.00pm** Nature by Profession (4338956) **5.00** Islands of the Pacific (7671314) **5.50** Man Eaters (9456376) **6.05** Beyond 2000 (8163550) **7.00** Australia Wild (4280005) **7.30** Fork in the Road (2286821) **8.00** Time Travellers (4299753) **8.30** Adventures (4278260) **9.00** Special Forces (4327840) **9.30** Those Who Dare (7500494) **10.00** Hoi Herbie (2592685) **10.30** Mush! Mush! (2578005) **11.00** Charlie Bravo (4339685) **11.30-12.00** The Global Family (4408192)

**BRAVO**
**12.00** FILM: Catch Us If You Can (1965): Swinging musical vehicle for *The Dave Clark Five* (4426598) **2.00pm** thirtysomething (4407463) **3.00** Rat Patrol (4285550) **3.30** Hogan's Heroes (2204227) *4.00 FILM: The Beggar's Opera* (1952) (4298666) **6.00** Get Smart (2293111) **6.30** I Spy (2533666) **7.30** *Car 54, Where Are You?* (2280647) ***8.00*** thirtysomething (9840734) **9.00** The Twilight Zone (4321666) **9.30** FILM: The Best of Times (1986): Bungling football players Robin Williams and Kurt Russell restage a match they lost many years ago (3376666) **11.30-12.00** Hogan's Heroes (4402918)

**UK LIVING**
**6.00am** Agony Hour (5386753) **7.00** Living Magazine (1628385) **8.00** The Treatment (3052314) **8.30** Rendezvous (3053685) **9.00** Delia Smith (5278192) **9.35** Now You See It (2200840) **10.00** Trivia Trap (8525918) **10.30** Susan Powter (3032821) **11.00** The Young and the Restless (5513640) **12.00** Rendezvous (3023173) **12.30pm** Kilroy (4341260) **1.30** Room for Change (3931647) **2.00** Agony Hour (8526647) **3.00** Living Magazine *(9987260)* ***3.45*** *Gladrags (98864734)* **4.00** Infatuation (6371918) **4.30** Trivia Trap (38983550) **4.55** Masterchef (6994918) **5.30** *Kate and Allie (6384482)* ***6.00*** *Susan Powter* (6381395) **6.30** Mr and Mrs (6372647) **7.00** Living Magazine (7997956) **8.00** The Young and the Restless (7973376) **9.00** FILM: Fight for Life (55141573) **10.55** Sneak Scenes (7339937) **11.00** Mr and Mrs (4550395) **11.30-12.00** Infatuation UK (8514802)

**FAMILY CHANNEL**
**5.00pm** Danger Mouse (6734) **5.30** Where I Live (6840) **6.00** African Skies (173666) **6.25** All Clued Up (765647) **7.00** Trivial Pursuit (6598) **7.30** My Two Dads (9519) **8.00** *Snowy River — The Mcgregor Saga* (96260) **9.00** Moonlighting (16024) **10.00** Family Catchphrase (26014) **10.30** GP (11482) **11.00** Lou Grant (27314) **12.00** Rhoda (85796) **12.30am** Big Brother Jake (33645) **1.00** Danger Mouse (39203) **1.30** Trivial Pursuit (72406) **2.00** Moonlighting (13425) **3.00** Lou Grant (66390) **4.00** Rhoda (26864) *4.30-5.00 Big Brother Jake* (50796)

**MTV**
**5.00am** Wildside (18154) **6.30** The Grind (67444) **7.00** Wildside (35956) **8.00** VJ Ingo (771043) **11.00** Soul (15579) **12.00** Greatest Hits (51598) **1.00pm** Afternoon Mix (79289) **3.00** Sports (3647) **3.30** Report (5713192) **3.45** Cinematic (5718647) **4.00** News (1439192) **4.15** 3 from 1 (1452043) **4.30** Dial MTV (1918) **5.00** Music Non-Stop (24956) **7.00** Greatest Hits (29598) **8.00** Most Wanted (41482) **9.30** Beavis and Butt-Head (52227) **10.00** Report (738918) **10.15** Cinematic (728173) **10.30** News (883173) **10.45** 3 from 1 (811956) **11.00** The End? (66463) **1.00am** Soul (95406) **2.00** The Grind (37970) **2.30** Videos (7142970)

**VH-1**
**7.00am** Crawling from the Wreckage (6335647) **9.00** Café (6750840) **12.00** The Bridge (1692685) **1.00pm** VH-1 to 1 (6338734) **1.30** Ten of the Best (1864192) **2.30** Heart and Soul (2906463) **3.30** Into the Music (2112145) **6.00** Prime Cuts (1698869) **7.00** VH-1 for You (8071111) **8.00** Rock (8057531) **9.00** Ten of the Best (8077395) **10.00** The Bridge (9869294) **11.30** The *Nightfly (8419753)* ***1.30am*** *Ten of the Best* (3027048) **2.30-7.00** Dawn Patrol (7131222)

**CMT EUROPE**
Country music from **6am** to **7pm**, including at **5.00** Saturday Nite Dance Ranch **6.00-7.00** Big Ticket

**TV ASIA**
**6.00am** Persian Morning (27802) **7.00** Asian Morning (39821) **8.30** Bunyaad (27043) **9.00** Bengali FILM (498208) **12.00** Gher (46666) **1.00pm** Hindi FILM (395647) **4.00** Kashkool (87260) **5.00** Visuvin Aratta Arangam (3260) **5.30** Paatukku Paattu (4666) **6.00** TVA and You (7937) **6.30** *Bunyaad (8289)* ***7.00*** *Gul Gulshan Gulfam* (3482) **7.30** Dhun Dhamaka (7173) **8.00** News (9802) **8.30** Bollywood Plus (8937) **9.00** Let's Talk (72666) **10.00** Video Junction (75753) **11.00** Bollywood Plus (35647) **11.30** Drama (30579) **12.00** Asian Morning (48048) **1.30am** Sight and Sound (6687357)

**CARTOON NETWORK/TNT**
**Continuous cartoons from 5am to 7pm, then TNT films as below.**
Theme: Wheels on Fire
**7.00pm Then Came Bronson** (1969) (40108376) ***8.55 Corvette Summer*** *(1978)* (46329109) **10.50 Corky** (1972) (58795192) **12.30am The Green Helmet** (1961) (50711241) **2.10-5.00 Then Came Bronson** (1969). As 7pm (80630512)

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## Tufnell's place under threat as Ramprakash prepares to reinforce batting

# England aim to get even by relying on pace

FROM ALAN LEE, CRICKET CORRESPONDENT, IN PERTH

ENGLAND must tomorrow recreate the mood that has given them an implausible chance of squaring the Test series against Australia. The problems are that even those most closely concerned with the win on Monday in Adelaide have no clear idea from where the inspiration came and that such spectacular performances have previously been the precursor of an abrupt regression.

Inconsistency has been the greatest enemy of the modern England team. They have too often been unbeatable one week and unspeakable the next. On the fast, bouncy pitch here in Perth, where the final Test is now spiced with possibilities barely imaginable a week ago, the frail are routinely destroyed. Two years ago, Australia came here in the aftermath of their one-run defeat by West Indies in Adelaide and failed to take the game beyond lunch on the third day.

Something similar could happen to Australia now, for the strut has suddenly gone out of their game and Perth always was the place where Devon Malcolm was most likely to do for England what Curtly Ambrose did for West Indies. But if Malcolm and his side can produce such marauding cricket twice in succession they will be breaking a frustrating trend.

Yesterday, as the teams practised beneath the cloudless skies of a city where there has been not a drop of rain this year, two issues were paramount: team selection and match referees.

In the one case, England's debate centred on two players, Chris Lewis and Mark Ramprakash, who were not even on the tour a week ago. In the other, the disciplinary warnings now hanging over a variety of players threatened to disguise the fact that the behaviour in this series has been almost entirely inoffensive.

Ramprakash, who was in India with the England A side this time last week, is preparing to play his first Test since last April in Antigua. He was chosen for the final four Tests of the series against West Indies, batting at No 3 and scoring a mere 73 runs in seven innings. His overall Test record, showing only one half-century in 24 starts, is no more reassuring.

But the belief persists that he can develop the temperament to accompany his technique. He is likely to bat no higher than No 6 and among those ahead of him will be Graham Gooch, who is breaking the England appearance record in his final Test, and Mike Gatting, who is equally unlikely to be seen at this level again.

> **'The idea of being pictured in the paper every day is a pain. I'm not a public person'**
>
> — **Michael Atherton on the trials of captaincy, page 46**

England require a sixth specialist batsman with Steven Rhodes, the wicketkeeper, in such unproductive form. The upper-order players have made a habit of falling short of match-influencing scores. England have registered 15 half-centuries in this series but only one has been converted into a hundred.

The consequence of an extended batting order is a four-man attack and the predicament facing the selectors is whether to follow their instincts and play seam bowlers exclusively. The alternative, a long-shot at this stage, is to retain Phil Tufnell and reject Lewis, whose chequered Monday afternoon contained four wickets and a gesture that raised the ire of the match referee, John Reid, and instigated the focus on player behaviour.

Michael Atherton, the captain, finds himself at the eye of this unseasonal storm. He has no argument with this, for the international code of conduct clearly states that a captain is responsible for the conduct of his players, and he concedes that Reid had warned him more than once, before giving him a public reprimand on the back of Lewis's fine. But he does not accept, and neither should he, that his team is worthy of particular censure.

"The England team's discipline over the past few years has been fairly exemplary," Atherton said yesterday, "and this has been a well-behaved contest, a pleasure to play in. John Reid is here as part of the authorities' efforts to clean up the game and all our players know that he is not here on holiday. But we have made a conscious effort to get more aggression into the team and I don't think you can play cricket worrying about the match referee."

Malcolm, who has been told by Atherton to cut out his idiosyncrasy of pointing a dismissed batsman to the pavilion, is one of several in this series marked down by Reid as "last-chancers", due for disciplinary measures should they offend again. Shane Warne and Ian Healy, it is understood, are in a similar position.

Yet the offences committed have been minor and greater damage to the game is being done by the cynical slowing-up of play by teams in trouble. Both sides have been guilty during this series and Atherton owned up yesterday to wasting time with a purpose during the second Test in Melbourne. Reid has available sanctions to discipline captains for this, too, and may not hesitate to use them if it occurs again here.

PROBABLE TEAMS: *Australia:* M A Taylor (captain), M J Slater, D C Boon, M E Waugh, S R Waugh, G S Blewett, I A Healy, S P Julian, S K Warne, G D McGrath, C J McDermott. 12th man: J Angel.
ENGLAND: G A Gooch, M A Atherton (captain), M W Gatting, G P Thorpe, J P Crawley, M R Ramprakash, S J Rhodes, C C Lewis, P A J DeFreitas, A R C Fraser, D E Malcolm. 12th man: P C R Tufnell.

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GRAHAM MORRIS



Atherton, left, and Ramprakash, the England party's most recent recruit, during practice at the Waca yesterday

## Peso crisis threatens cash prize initiative for Mexico

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

MEXICO'S financial crisis threatens to scupper plans by the International Amateur Athletic Federation (IAAF) to introduce prize-money at the 1997 world championships in Mexico City. Sources close to the organisers said yesterday that the IAAF had earmarked a pool of $7 million (£4.4 million) from which prize-money would be awarded in Mexico City.

They said the organisers of the 1993 world championships in Stuttgart and this year's championships in Gothenburg had received $7 million from the IAAF to help to stage the meetings, but the IAAF had now decided to set this sum aside for prize-money at the 1997 championships.

"It was anticipated at the 1997 world championships that athletics would go the way of other sports and award substantial prize-money," the sources said. "But because of the peso crisis, we have a situation where we are being asked not only to give the organisers $7 million, but maybe $10 million."

On Tuesday, the IAAF spokesman, Christopher Winner, said that the IAAF was concerned about the situation in Mexico but that there were no plans to seek an alternative venue.

Although winners in Stuttgart were awarded a Mercedes sports car, there has been growing agitation among athletes and their agents for prize-money.

Nourredine Morceli, of Algeria, the world's leading middle-distance runner, originally refused to defend his world 1,500 metres title in Stuttgart unless there was prize-money, and claimed that Carl Lewis had been paid appearance money. The allegation was denied by the IAAF and Lewis's manager, Joe Douglas.

Morceli eventually ran, and won, in Stuttgart after reaching an agreement with the IAAF. Both Morceli and the IAAF said no money had been involved.

Last July, the IAAF president, Primo Nebiolo, told a news conference at the Goodwill Games in St Petersburg that he was not opposed to prize-money, but added that it was a matter for all Olympic federations.

# Mild Mr Smith who became Mr Liverpool

**Rob Hughes** pays his tribute to the man at the helm when Liverpool were the dominant team in Britain and Europe

SIR JOHN SMITH, the former chairman of Liverpool FC who died yesterday, had a record of stewardship that will never be surpassed yet also a humility beyond the comprehension of so many of the greater egos in the game.

He was chairman of Liverpool for 17 years, during which the club established the longest sustained domination of a national sport in this or any other European country. Liverpool, under his leadership, won 22 leading trophies, including the League championship ten times, the FA Cup three times and the European Cup on four occasions.

Yet this dapper little man, always so careful to observe probity and correctness at every turn, would never accept in public that his was a dominant role. In February 1982, asked to give an interview about his own path to the chair from being a supporter on the terraces, he declined. "That is not the way of Liverpool," he said. But he had a suggestion. He arranged a meeting in the boardroom with himself, Peter Robinson, his faithful club secretary, and Bob Paisley, the man whom Sir John prevailed on to succeed Bill Shankly as manager.

The point was that Liverpool was ruled by a triumvirate; all for one, one for all. No wonder this became the slogan of the Sports Council, which Sir John also later chaired. He demonstrated that day what he insisted was the daily routine of the club which was already in place before he inherited it. "We are the management team on the board," Sir John said in his measured, precisely weighted terms. "We talk every day of our lives about players, about how to sustain and improve things. It is a cliché, but a truism, that we are servants of the many people who sustain Liverpool FC."

With Paisley and Robinson joining in the theme, one learned in an afternoon the "secret" of thoroughness, the integrity and consistency that made Liverpool, at least until John Smith stood down and Graeme Souness became manager, the club that everyone envied.

One could not persuade Sir John in subsequent meetings to speak about the pain that followed either the Hillsborough catastrophe or the personnel changes at the club. One could readily trigger from him repetitions of what he regarded as the foundation stones of the club. "We are not in the business here of selling commodities," he reiterated. "We are trying to do the hardest thing in the world, to get the best out of 11 chaps on the field of play at a given time. That's all we are here for . . . even in this day and age of the computer, people matter at Anfield."

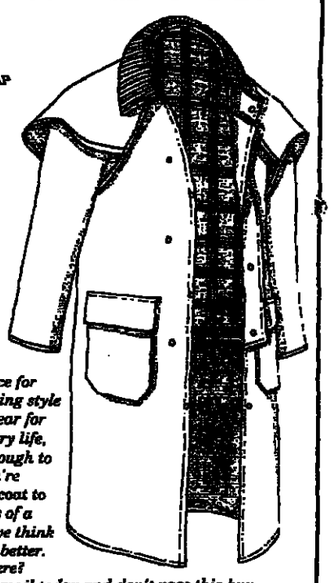
Robinson, now chief executive, concluded our boardroom discussion in 1982 by saying: "The morning after we won our first European Cup — actually two days after because we had to tour the city with the team — the chairman, the manager and myself were back here at 9.15am. Our business was to get back to work, to see what we had to do to keep the success coming."

John Smith demanded it. And for all those who saw in him a man of mild handshake and apparently mild outlook, that really was a masquerade. He was Liverpool to the core, he possessed the integrity and the determination that pulsated through the club in its prime; British sport can ill afford his loss.

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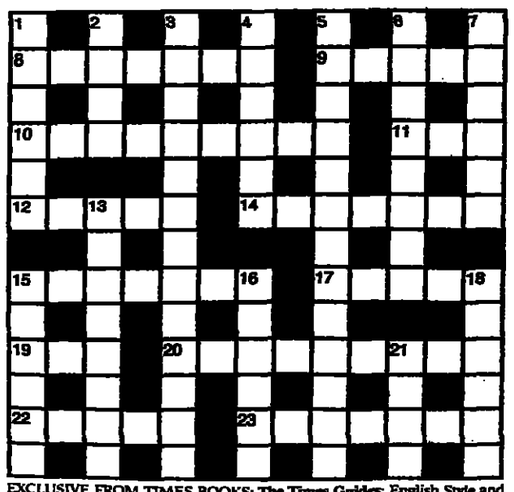
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15 Cleaner; footballer; 11 (7)
17 Saint, Lindisfarne founder (5)
19 Stocking ladder (3)
20 Try to overhear (9)
22 Body of men (chasing criminal) (5)
23 Traveller's bags (7)

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3 Assorted small things (4,3,6)
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5 Ceremony marking new stage of life (4,2,7)
6 Loathed (8)
7 Funeral carriage (6)
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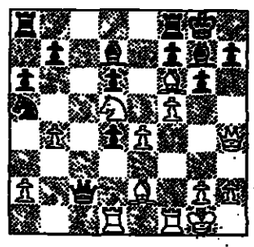
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**WINNING MOVE**

*By Raymond Keene*

This position is from the game Gallagher - Schweizer, Bad Zurzach, 1995. England's Joe Gallagher has a reputation as a dangerous attacking player on the international circuit. How did he finish Black off here with a neat tactic?



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**WORD-WATCHING**

*By Philip Howard*

ASPINALL
a. To love animals more than humans
b. To repaint
c. To loop-the-loop

CUPFERRON
a. A heraldic goblet
b. A riposte with épée
c. A crystalline compound

ENSTOOL
a. To enthrone
b. Tight constipation
c. A right-angled screw

DAGGING
a. A carpet fringe
b. Boasting
c. Clipping wool

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